



# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2 , 2022

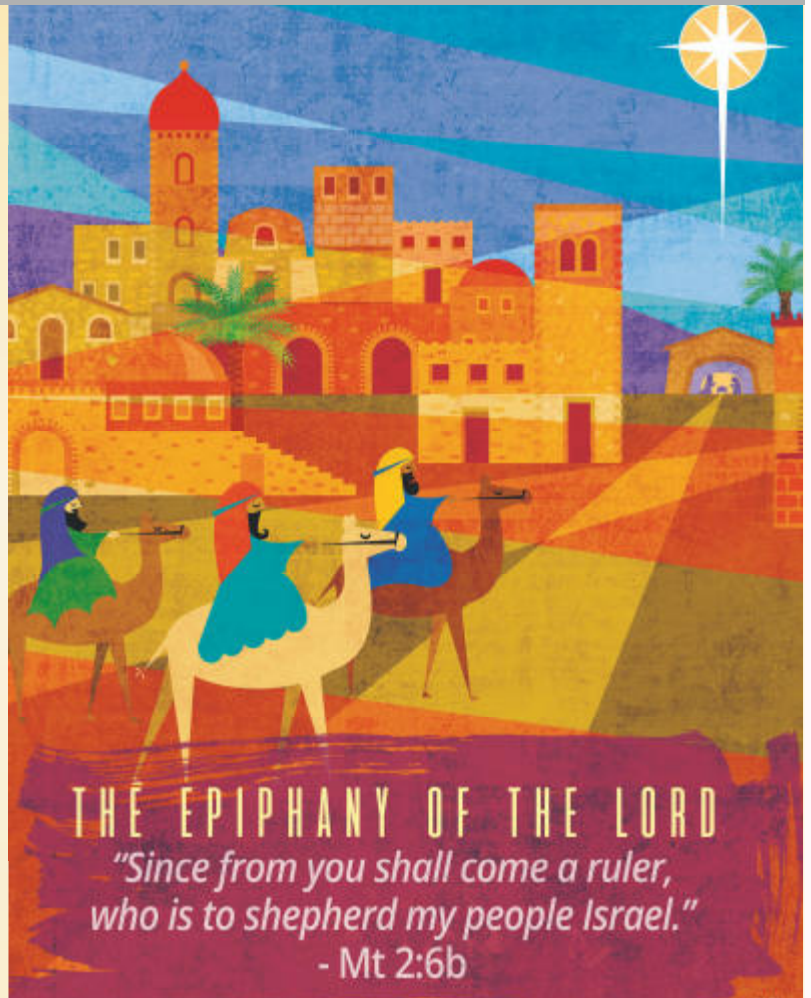
## WELCOME

AS A CATHOLIC FAMILY, WE ARE CALLED BY CHRIST TO PRAYERFULLY CREATE AND NOURISH A VIBRANT COMMUNITY CENTERED ON THE EUCHARIST AND DEDICATED TO SERVICE, SPIRITUALITY, AND EVANGELIZATION.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** please contact our parish office or click '**Register with the parish**' on the bottom of our webpage.

**NEW PARENTS** are encouraged to contact the parish office please click '**Schedule a Baptism**' on the bottom of our webpage to register for a baptism class.

**ENGAGED COUPLES** are requested to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their wedding. To start the process, click '**Get Married**' on the bottom of our webpage.



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*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."  
- Mt 2:6b*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.BLESSEDSACRAMENTCT.ORG](http://WWW.BLESSEDSACRAMENTCT.ORG)

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#### Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & Noon

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00am

#### Confession

Saturday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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#### Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am

#### Confession

Saturday 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Live Stream Schedule:

**Sunday 10AM / Monday 8AM / Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM / Thursday 9AM / Friday 8AM / Saturday 5PM**

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### EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK

$$\underline{20 + C + M + B + 22}$$
 2 meanings for C, M, B  
 Caspar, Melchior, & Balthasar  
 (traditional names for the magi)  
 or  
 CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT  
*which in Latin means*  
 MAY CHRIST BLESS THIS HOUSE  


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 The "+" sign represents the  
 cross and 2022 is the year  
 of the blessing.

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

Use the blessed chalk to write the following above a doorway in your home:

**20+C+M+B+22**

As you are writing, pray the following prayer:

*Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*



# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 2, 2022

## ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5:00pm Mass at St. Matthew

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00am For a healthy faith-filled New Year

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

5:00pm † Joaquin Ballestas (5th Anniv) rb Diane

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

8:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish Family

10:00am † William Kenneth Conway rb Pastoral  
Council

† Ben Vilorio rb Eslao family

12:00pm † William & Anna Cosgrove, & son, Billy rb  
daughter/sister, Mary

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:00am † Sally & Joseph Perron rb Zavatsky family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00am Mass at St. Matthew

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:00am † Gene Orłowski, Jr. rb Mark & Lorraine  
Morris

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00am Mass at St. Matthew

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:00am † Shirley Pellecchia rb family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

5:00pm † Donald Grenier rb wife

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00am

10:00am † Gilbert Syphers (4th Anniv) rb wife &  
family

Victims of the Wisconsin parade rb Scott

12:00pm † Lorenzo Grondin (11th Anniv) rb his  
daughter

**SANCTUARY LAMP—JANUARY 2, 2022**

In Loving Memory of William Conway

Requested by Parish Council

## ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5:00pm † Kathleen Kelleher (1st Anniv) rb her  
husband

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00am Mass at St. Bernard

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—**

5:00pm † Cody Ericson rb Mom & Dad

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

8:30am † Patricia Orszulak (Birthday Mem) rb Sue  
& Tom Orszulak

10:30am For those affected by the ongoing pandemic

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00am † Guy Pellerin (Birthday Mem) rb his wife

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00am † Adam & Loretta Washkis rb John & Nancy  
Harding

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

9:00am

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

5:00pm † John Foley (9th Anniv) rb Rena Foley

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:30am Blessed Sacrament Parish Family

10:30am † Lorraine Brodeur Lavernoich (9th Anniv)  
rb Bill & Anne Lavernoich and family

† Lori Marie Scarbrough rb family

† *In Sympathy* †

We commend to the risen Lord: **Yolande McKnight**  
and **Eleanor Songailo** who passed away into eternal  
life. We express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to  
their families.



**HYMNS FOR  
SUNDAY MASS AT  
ST. BERNARD**

**Entrance:**

#519 WC The First Nowell

**Presentation of Gifts:**

#550 WC We Three Kings

**Recessional:**

#523 WC Joy to the World



**COFFEE & DONUTS RETURNS  
AT ST. MATTHEW**

**THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES**

We hope you will join us for some fellowship and of  
course some coffee and donuts.

This ministry will continue each week.





# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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### FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas everyone! Our Christmas Season this year began on December 25<sup>th</sup> and will end on January 9<sup>th</sup>. So, keep those Creche's up and keep singing the carols. I love how beautiful our Churches look during the Christmas season and I often go over in the evenings when everyone has gone for the day. I put on all the Christmas lights and the Christmas carols, and simply sit with God. It is one of my favorite things to do during Christmas. It's a great time to give thanks to God for His many blessings in my life and in the life of our parish.

Speaking of giving thanks, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Masses. First, I would like to thank my clergy brothers for their prayerful preparations, energy, time, talent and homilies over the Advent and Christmas seasons. Their efforts and spirit help prepare us for the awesome event of the birth of Christ. It was also very nice to welcome Fr. Larry to the home team. He is a great Christmas gift to all of us. May God bless your ministry Father.

Special thanks to Fr. George who will be leaving us in January. On behalf of our parish family, we wish you a wonderful assignment at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. We appreciate all you did for us.

To our wonderful music leaders, Liz, Norma, and Rebecca and their different choirs, cantors, and instrumentalists. I thank you for adding such beauty, reflection, and joy to our Christmas celebrations. Music truly adds a dimension to our worship that is key to understanding the mysteries of Christ.

To all who proclaimed the Word and those who distributed the Eucharist over the weekend celebrations I thank you for bringing forth the essence of our spiritual nourishment. God bless you for what you do for Him.

To Barbara and Mary, our Environment leaders and their team of decorators, thank you for transforming our worship space to reflect the holiness of this season. Your talent, hard work and faithfulness is very appreciated.

To our Technology Team, what a gift you are to our parish and especially to those who are unable to join us in person. I know my mom and dad were singing along in their living room during the Lessons and Carols presentation.

Thank you to the dedicated Altar Servers who are a tremendous help. We truly appreciate all that you do while serving at the Altar of the Lord. I know that God is incredibly pleased with you for stepping forward to serve Him and His Church. You are all terrific.

To our ushers, thank you for being so welcoming and helpful to both our parishioners and to the many guests who joined us on Christmas. A warm greeting goes a long way.

I offer sincere appreciation to all of you who attended our Masses, either in person or on livestream, in this season of hope and joy. Your generosity, presence, prayers, faith added a whole other dimension to the beauty of the season. You are appreciated. I also would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards, notes, gifts and goodies that made their way to the Rectory. We appreciate your kind words, generosity and culinary skills. We are blessed by your presence in our lives.

And finally, I would like to thank the Creator of us all for His abundant blessings on our community. May His grace and love always shine in our hearts and His strength steady the journey we take together.

Peace,

*Fr. Rick*



### *Invite a Friend to Mass Weekend January 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>*

This Christmas season, through word of mouth, invite friends and relatives that don't attend Mass regularly to join us January 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

Use the QR Code to link to our website. It will bring you to a page which allows you to easily forward a text message or email. There are also business card sized invitations in the back of the Church that can be shared with friends and relatives which includes our Mass & Reconciliation Schedule.

Please contact the Evangelization Ministry for more information or with questions at [evangelization@cath-comm.org](mailto:evangelization@cath-comm.org).

Thank you for sharing our wonderful Catholic Faith and our special home at the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

God Bless, *Fr. Rick*





# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Starts This  
Friday**

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



First Fridays beginning January 7<sup>th</sup> we will gather to adore our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer. It is a great opportunity for peaceful reflection, personal prayer or just relaxing in Jesus' presence, speaking, and listening to him.

*Christ had asked of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a French nun, as he had asked the apostles in the Garden of Olives: "Can you not watch one hour with me?" Jesus made it clear to St. Margaret Mary that through this devotion, He wishes His faithful friends to become partakers of that "sorrow unto death" which He willed to suffer in the Garden of Olives and to join with Him in the humble prayer which He offered to His Father at that time. He also wishes the faithful to appease His Father's anger and to ask Him to forgive all sinners.*

First Friday Exposition begins at 3:00 PM and concludes with Benediction (the blessing) at 7:00 PM. We will alternate gathering at our Churches (see below).

### St. Bernard Church

### St. Matthew Church

Friday, January 7

Friday, February 4

Friday, March 4

Friday, April 1

Friday, May 6

Friday, June 3

Friday, July 1

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Voghel at [spirituality@cath-comm.org](mailto:spirituality@cath-comm.org)



## BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Monday January 3 Team 1 St. Augustine  
(Dan, Maurice, Tony, & Vivian working, Grace subbing)

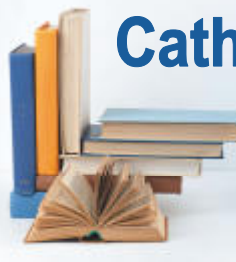
Tuesday January 4 Team 6 St. Clare  
(Carole Ann, Anna, Ann Marie, and Kevin working)

Wednesday January 5 Team 13 St. Cecelia  
(Bill & Ann working)

Friday January 7 Team 12 St. Rose  
(Dick, Eileen, Rich, and Anne working)

*When you with velvets mantled o'er, defy December's  
tempests frore, Oh! spare one garment from your store,  
to clothe the poor at Christmas.*

G.K Chesterton



## Catholic Book Club

*Jan 10, 24, and Feb 7*

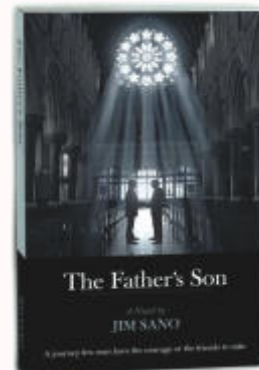
*Morning sessions at St. Bernard Church  
Evening sessions available on zoom*

**Register online before January 3rd  
at [BlessedSacramentCT.org](http://BlessedSacramentCT.org)**

Blessed Sacrament Parish Book Club resumes in January! We will have an in person option for those comfortable gathering in a group setting as well as an option for Zoom discussion sessions for those who cannot make the morning session or want to participate from home.

New members are always welcome. If you enjoy reading and learning about our Catholic faith then this book club is made for you! Our book club will inspire participants on our Catholic faith journey to develop a deeper spiritual life, and strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus and with each other.

Our next book will be The Father's Son by Jim Sano. The Father's Son is a highly engaging story that will make you think about faith, family, friendship, forgiveness, redemption, love, and truth, and may prove to profoundly impact how you look at life itself.



There is no cost to join, however, participants buy their own book. Registration is on our website, [BlessedSacramentCT.org](http://BlessedSacramentCT.org).

- Our in person morning session will run from 9—10:30am.
- Our evening Zoom session will run from 7—8:30pm.

Email any questions or suggestions to [bookclub@cath-comm.org](mailto:bookclub@cath-comm.org)



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January 2 - 8

### Grades K-6)

- ◆ 1/2—Sunday No Class (resumes 1/9/22)
- ◆ 1/3—Monday 4:30pm at St. Matthew
- ◆ 1/4—Tuesday 5:30pm at St. Matthew
- ◆ 1/5—Wednesday virtual will meet online

### Grades 7-10

- ◆ 1/3—Monday 7pm at St. Matthew
- ◆ 1/4—Tuesday 6pm at St. Bernard
- ◆ **Faith and Fun Night - January 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard**  
We will be holding our annual event for Clairvaux House. Details will be emailed prior to the event.

### ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Parent & Candidate Workshop - January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Sponsors are also welcome.

We will be reviewing important information, requirements, and details about Confirmation. This is where you will have all of your questions answered! Please be sure to attend one of these sessions.

Register for the session you and your teen will be attending by scanning the QR Code or going to the Faith Formation page on our website.



For questions, call or email Bridget Thurston.

**Happy New Year from the Staff to our Teachers and Students of the Religious Education Program.**



### REQUEST FROM THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE



Our contact at IRIS has asked for help for the refugees that they are working with—underwear for both children and adults.

We will have labeled boxes in both church halls for donations. **Collection ends this Sunday, January 2, 2022. PLEASE - NEW UNDERWEAR ONLY.**

### WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY



EVANGELINE ELIZABETH SYLVESTER  
WILLIAM JONATHAN BREWER  
SOFIA CASSIA ESPINAL  
BAPTIZED — DECEMBER 19, 2021



Blessed Sacrament Parish offers several opportunities to participate in our Youth Music Program in 2022.

The Youth Choir Masses at St. Matthew, directed by Deirdre Goldsmith, are an opportunity for youth from middle school and beyond to worship in contemporary song after rehearsing together for one hour before Mass. Mrs. Goldsmith sends out the music selections in advance to musicians who are on the roster, then musicians RSVP back their availability. To be added to the roster, email: [deirdre.goldsmith@cath-comm.org](mailto:deirdre.goldsmith@cath-comm.org).

The Youth Choir Masses are new at St. Bernard! One noon Mass each month, singers middle-school-aged and older are invited to join Liz Bologna and Jenny Tran to participate in the Mass through song. Music will be sent out a week before each Mass date and singers will rehearse briefly before the Youth Choir Masses. Let Liz know if you are interested: [bspmusic@cath-comm.org](mailto:bspmusic@cath-comm.org).

### St. Matthew Dates:

- Sunday, January 23, 10:30am Mass
- Sunday, February 13, 10:30am Mass
- Sunday, April 3, 10:30am Mass

### St. Bernard Dates:

- Sunday, January 9th noon Mass
- Sunday, February 6th noon Mass
- Sunday, March 6th, noon Mass
- Sunday, May 1st, noon Mass

**Youth from both of our parish sites are welcome at either group!**



### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next class for registered parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptized is scheduled for:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM**

Call Cheryl at 860-872-0200, Ext. 2 to pre-register.

Baptisms are scheduled:

- at St. Bernard on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month
- at St. Matthew on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month





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**Cards on sale until midnight on January 3rd**

## VIRTUAL BINGO

**SUNDAY  
January 9th  
2022**

**3:30 - 5PM**

GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Cards are \$6 each and will be emailed, Bingo played through internet! Only 200 cards so act fast! To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304

## St. Bernard Women's Guild Meeting

Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm  
in the St. Bernard Church Hall

Bring your favorite pie for dessert and fellowship!

Contact Linda Turkington

860-490-5374 or

[St.BernardWomen'sGuild@cath-comm.org](mailto:St.BernardWomen'sGuild@cath-comm.org)



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### EPIPHANY

#### Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

#### Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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## BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH OFFERTORY



### WHY WE GIVE

THERE'S NO BETTER INVESTMENT IN THE WORLD THAN THE LOCAL PARISH. IT IS WHERE PEOPLE MEET JESUS AND LIVES ARE CHANGED.

JESUS LOOKED UP AND SAW THE RICH PUTTING THEIR GIFTS INTO THE OFFERING BOX, AND HE SAW A POOR WIDOW PUT IN TWO SMALL COPPER COINS. AND HE SAID, "TRULY, I TELL YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL OF THEM. FOR THEY ALL CONTRIBUTED OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE, BUT SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON"

LUKE 21:1-4

### WEEKEND OF 12/19/21:

WEEKLY COLLECTION: \$ 26,051.45

TITHES: St. Pierre Teachers Salaries \$ 1,302.57

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



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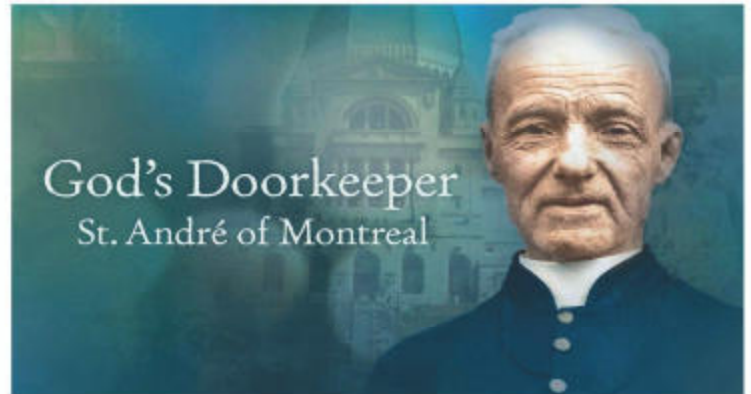
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

## GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



## FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.





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## Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut

### Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

#### Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

#### When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

**Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.**

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

#### When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

#### ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.



File a Proof of Claim.



Have questions?  
Call or visit the website  
for more information.



If your claim is approved,  
you may receive compensation  
from the bankruptcy.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>

1-855-654-0902





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**Notificación oficial aprobada del Tribunal de Quiebras  
de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Connecticut**

## **Reclamos por abuso sexual y reclamos generales en la quiebra de la diócesis católica romana de Norwich, Connecticut**

La Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, también conocida como la diócesis católica romana de Norwich (en adelante, la "Diócesis" o el "Deudor") ha declarado la quiebra con el fin de reestructurar su organización sin fines de lucro. Por favor, lea detenidamente esta notificación, ya que se refiere a sus derechos contra la Diócesis y proporciona información sobre el caso *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (quiebra, Distrito de Connecticut). Esta notificación es un breve resumen.

### **¿Quién debe presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?**

**Cualquier persona que haya sido abusada sexualmente hasta el 15 de julio de 2021 inclusive y crea que la Diócesis puede ser responsable del abuso sexual.** Esto incluye el abuso sexual relacionado con cualquier entidad o actividad asociada a la Diócesis. Los reclamos por abuso sexual pueden comprender, entre otras cosas: conducta sexual inapropiada, tocamientos, contacto inadecuado o comentarios sexuales sobre una persona u otros comportamientos que derivaron en un abuso, independientemente de si usted pensó que el comportamiento constituía abuso sexual o no.

### **¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?**

**Independientemente de su edad actual o de la fecha en que se produjo el abuso sexual, debe presentar su reclamo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022.**

Si no presenta un reclamo por abuso sexual dentro de dicho plazo, puede perder sus derechos contra la Diócesis y contra las entidades relacionadas con la Diócesis, incluido cualquier derecho a indemnización.

Se mantendrá la privacidad de su información. Para ver una lista de nombres de clérigos que han sido identificados en relación con demandas por abuso sexual, visite <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. Para más información sobre el caso de quiebra, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> o llame al 1-855-654-0902.

La fecha límite para presentar reclamos por abuso sexual, el 15 de marzo de 2022, no está sujeta a una nueva prórroga, incluso aunque se modifique la ley de plazos de prescripción aplicable. Usted debería considerar la posibilidad de presentar una prueba de reclamo incluso si cree que su demanda puede estar sujeta a una defensa afirmativa como la prescripción.

### **¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo con fecha límite general?**

Si tiene un reclamo que no es por abuso sexual, deberá presentarlo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022. Para obtener más información, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

### **Actúe ahora antes de que se agote el tiempo:**

Puede descargar y presentar un reclamo a través del sitio web o llamar a la línea gratuita que figura a continuación para obtener ayuda acerca de cómo presentar un reclamo por correo.



Presente una prueba de reclamo.



¿Tiene preguntas?  
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