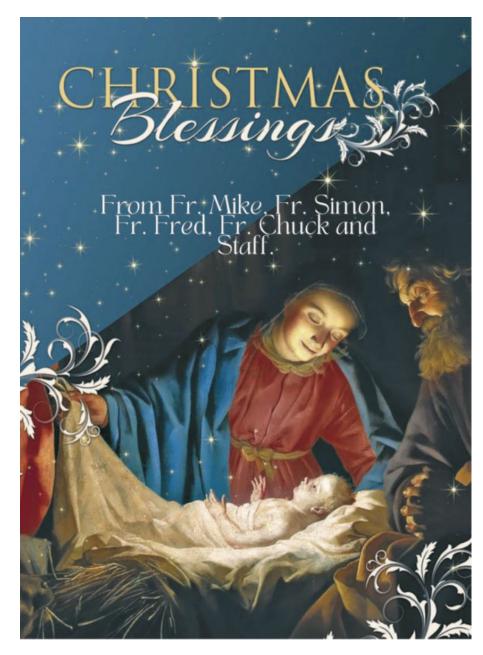


St. Bernard of Claírvaux

Reverend Michael Straley, Pastor Reverend Simon Osuchukwu, Associate Pastor Assisting Priests: Fr. Fred Adamson, V.G., Fr. Charles Kieffer, Deacon Alan Hungate

> December 26, 2021—*The Holy Family* 10755 N. 124th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85259





Christmas Novena Cards

St. Bernard's will celebrate Christmas Novena Saturday, December 25th through January 2nd. Novena intention envelopes along with beautiful cards are available in the Narthex. Intention envelopes maybe placed in the box provided or the parish office.

We will honor all persons living and deceased during this special novena.





HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 5, 2022

TIME: 10:00 AM -12:00 PM NEW PARISH CENTER ROOMS 203-205

PLEASE CALL SANDY FOR ANY QUESTIONS, (480)-314-5386

MESSAGE FROM FR. MIKE

Howdy,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is over... Wait, we are Catholics and Christmas is season until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year that is Sunday, January 9. So keep celebrating!!

Today is the feast of the Holy Family; it is important to remember that the Holy Family is not simply Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God is our Father, Mary is our Mother, and Jesus is our brother... we are also part of the Holy Family by adoption.

As we look back on last year, do you think our Father is happy with the way we have acted? Is our Mother proud of us? Jesus, our brother, has taught us how our "parents" want us to live and what they expect of us. Have we listened, not just on Sunday but every day?

Let us be sure that "Mom and Dad" are proud of us this coming year.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Míke

Dear. Fr. Mike, We are very thanktul for the support trom St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

Many unborn children will have a first Christmas this year because of your support.



From—Aid to Women's Center

Anointing of the Sick Who receives this Sacrament?

The Sacrament is NOT for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for them to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived (SC 73).

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers their health, they can in the case of another grave illness receive this Sacrament again. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same hold for elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced (CCC1515)

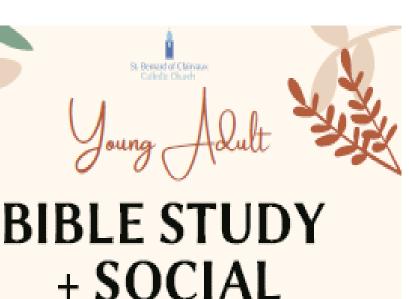


Eucharistic Adoration

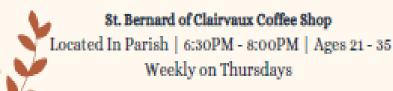
You are invited to spend time with the Lord every Wednesday of the month for Eucharistic Adoration and Benedction.

WEDNESDAY FROM 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH





Beginning December 2nd, 2021, join us for weekly Bible Study sessions followed by dinner + drinks



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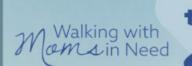
JANUARY 1, 2022 35 PM INSIDE THE CHURCH **BEFORE THE 5 PM MASS**

DONATIONS FOR ANDRE **HOUSE:**

The homeless served by Andre House are in need of clothing and toiletries.

Please drop off any items in the office.

Call Dennis Whitmer at 480-440-1055 for any information.



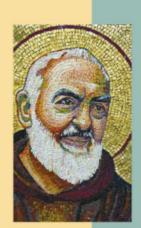
At the beginning of March 2021, the Diocese of Phoenix joined the nationwide effort, Walking with Moms In Need: A Year of Service, from March 25, 2021 to March 25, 2022. Inspired by St. John Paul II's call to maximize our charitable efforts in building a culture of life, the intention of the Year of Service is to increase the Church's outreach and assistance to pregnant and parenting women in need

After several meetings and in consultation with key parish leaders, the Walking with Moms Task Force discerned that one of the most practical ways to respond to mothers in need at St. Bernard of Clairvaux is by providing a ministry that creates a sense of family by formally recognizing babies on the way and introducing mom and baby to our parish community. We would like to provide a non-threatening way for relationship building. Participants may be ministered to by the team and develop a personal path forward in their own spiritual journey. The ministry's ultimate goal is to accompany moms in need - offer spiritual resources, offer a Meal Train for the expectant mother, offer babysitting (if family is comfortable), direct them to other Diocesan approved counseling services, and most importantly, help them develop a deeper relationship with Christ. If you would like to apply to be a mentor, please contact Ryan Ayala at rayala@stboc.org or visit our website at www.stboc.org



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can get a credit for up to \$500 (single filer) and \$1,000 (joint filer). You can "stack it" on top of other credits too. For more information, go to: <u>www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/</u> <u>taxcredit</u> or call 602.650.4887. *A* portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger. Leviticus 19:9-10



St. Padre Pio

Join us every FIRST Monday of the month for Mass, Benediction, Rosary, and Novena in the church.

All are welcome.



"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, Contact the Vocation Office at at 602-354-2005 or www.dphx.org/consecrated-life.





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ARIZONA-LIFE MARCH & RALLY

Location: Downtown Phoenix

PLEASE JOIN US





Call 480 250 1241 to reserve your seat Please leave your name and number of seats needed



To:

Father Michael Straley and Reverend Simon Osuchukwu

St. Bernard Administrative personnel, all parishioners, all members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry

Knights of Columbus for donation of eggs

All Donors that supported us financially and were not able to attend

Flor Cielo Arts & Crafts \$670.00 donation to Our Pequeños Hermanos Charity Organization. And all the people that bought 50/50 tickets, \$600.00 will go to help build the new rectory in the church

All of your help made this an unforgettable event. We are so grateful for your support and hope you enjoyed the celebration of our beloved Lady of Guadalupe

Blessings to you all

Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Ministry of Care VOLUNTEERS NEED

This Ministry offers the spirit of compassion and presence to the sick, needy and bereaved of our Parish community. in the name of Christ and His church. Our certified Ministers of Care bring the Holy Eucharist to hospitals, nursing homes, group and living centers, rehab facilities and private homes. We also support the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and arranging for pastoral visits for **Reconciliation. All** training necessary to become a Minister of Care will be provided.

If you feel called to this ministry, or would like more information, please call Dan Mueller at 480-661-0523.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. SIMON

We have been asked to help facilitate a roundtable discussion for the 2021-2022 Synod requested by Pope Francis. Bishop Olmsted is also asking all parishes to participate in this synodal journey. In short, we invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion in January to discuss different matters of the Church; Topics will range from the joys we experience of being Catholic to what are the areas for change for our Church and what steps can be taken. He will then present this document to Bishop Olmsted and he will then present it to the Holy Father.

We will have tis roundtable discussion in January. It is a one-night event. We will also provide food and drinks. We just ask that you come with an open mind and open heart and be ready to share your discussion, please contact Ryan Ayala at rayala@stboc.org.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNARD MASS MONDAY-SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 AM

SUNDAY 12/26

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am - Mass

MONDAY 12/27

10:00 am - Altar Society Cleaning Church

TUESDAY 12/28

WEDNESDAY 12/29 3:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 pm - Confessions 6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Devotions 6:45 pm - Benediction

THURSDAY 12/30 6:30 pm - Young Adult Bible Study

FRIDAY 12/31 10:00 am - Charismatic Prayer Group

SATURDAY 12/1

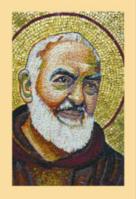
3:30 pm - Confessions 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass



THE HISPANIC MINISTRY

Please join us for the bilingual mass the first Saturday of the month, January 1. All are welcome.

January 1, 2022 at 9:00 am



St. Padre Pio

Please join us, Monday, January 3, for Mass, Benediction, Rosary, and Novena in the church. All are welcome.

January 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Join us the first Wednesday of the month, January 5, for Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Chaplet and Prayers. All are welcome.

January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Mass is at 7:00 pm.



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BE LIT IN LOVING MEMORY FOR

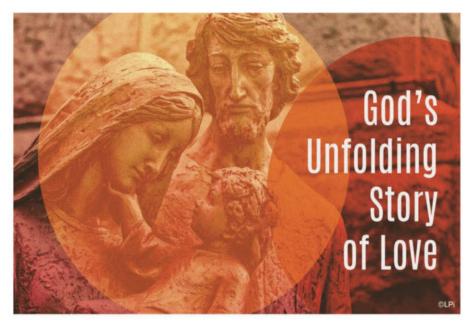
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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of



any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday: The Holy Family
- Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30	AM	St. Bernard's Parishioners
	9:00	AM	Christmas Novena
	11:00	AM	† Juanita Hidlago
Monday	9:00	AM	Christmas Novena
Tuesday	9:00	AM	Christmas Novena
Wednesday	9:00	AM	Christmas Novena
Thursday	9:00	AM	Christmas Novena
Friday	9:00	AM	Christmas Novena
Saturday	9:00	AM	Tony & Kaila Picciano
	5:00	PM	+ Franco Alberto Moreno
Sunday	7:30	AM	Christmas Novena
			+ David Kirkscey
	9:00	AM	Karl Alexandra Schulenburg
	11:00	AM	† Joe Cerami

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL.

Judith Arndt Noelle Anderson Irene A. Mario Barmas Acevedo Stephen David Bell Roxanne Boryczki Jane Brown Brown, Krueger Family Agatha(Mickey)Butcher Kim C. Mary Cassar **Dolores** Colman Jimmy Conmy Ed Connell **Cristine Dacey** Joseph Duffy Anna Faraone Maria Fowler Emily Gauci Sean Gaughan Kelly Garrison Erin Gorney

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

LITURGY:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Church and Chapel will close:

Monday - Thursday:	4:00 pm
Fridays:	2:00 pm
Saturdays:	5:00 pm
Sundays:	1:00 pm

SACRAMENTS:

Adult Confirmation: Are you a baptized Catholic, received First Communion, and are looking to received Confirmation? Please contact Ryan Ayala at rayala@stboc.org or at 480-661-9843 x309.

Baptism: If you are interested in arranging a baptism, please contact Nancy Boettcher, <u>nboettcher@stboc.org</u> or visit our parish website for more information!

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. For more information, please contact Ryan Ayala at <u>rayala@stboc.org</u> or 480-661-9843 x309

Marriage Preparation: Congratulations on your engagement! As you are taking your first step on the path of love, we are here to assist you on your journey. Please contact Ryan Ayala at <u>rayala@stboc.org</u> or 480-661-9843 x309 to begin marriage preparation!

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