

St. Bernadette

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
HOME OF ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC SCHOOL



THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Liturgy

Weekend

Saturday: 5 PM (Vigil)

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, & 5 PM

Weekday

Monday – Friday: 6:30 AM

Monday – Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil: 6 PM

Holy Day: 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM

First Friday (September through May)

Adoration – 10 AM

Benediction – 11 AM

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours with key card. Call Office for details.

Healing Rosary

Fridays at 6:30 PM

Reconciliation

Monday-Saturday 8:00 – 8:25 AM

Saturday: 3 – 4 PM

Or by appointment: (480-905-0221)

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office 480-905-0221

Baptism

Preparation classes required. Please contact the Parish Office for information about the preparation process.

Marriage

Nine months notification and preparation classes required. Call Parish Office for additional information.

Parish Office Hours

M-Th: 8 AM - 12 Noon; 1 PM - 5 PM

Friday: 8 AM – 1 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Parish Mission Statement



We exist as a Eucharistic community to celebrate, proclaim, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament for the Glory of God.

Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Don Kline, V.F.
 Associate Pastor Fr. Tomson Thomas
 Associate PastorFr. John Lankeit
 Deacons.....Peter Auriemma, Al Homiski & Frank Nevarez
 Parish Administrator.....Deacon Al Homiski
 School Principal.....Preston Colao
 Director of Sacred Music.....Brina Ziemann
 Faith Formation Facilitator.....Diane Flitcroft
 Finance Director.....Margaret Colwell
 Accounting Managers.....Paula LoPresti & Helen Romano
 Facilities Manager.....Deacon Frank Nevarez
 Maintenance Supervisor.....Greg Stetka
 Facilities Team.....Rosa Alvarado,
Bertha Ortiz, Reyes Perez & Ruth Zamora
 Parish Secretary.....Mitzi Palma
 Director of Volunteers.....Shirley Smalley
 Ministry Services Facilitator.....Diane Flitcroft
 High School (LIFE TEEN) & Young Adult Minister.....
Julie Regalado
 Middle School Minister (EDGE).....Julia McDonald
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Parish School:

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Catholic School Community

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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 7 AM to 3:30 PM

Merry Christmas!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Grace, Mercy, and Peace of Our Lord be with you and your family during this Christmas season! If you are new to St. Bernadette parish or just visiting, welcome home. If you have been away, welcome back! If you are a parishioner, welcome to one day closer to the Kingdom of God. I pray that in the midst of our busy lives, the Christmas celebration may find room for Our Lord in your hearts. Our merciful Lord desires to be with you. Your relationship with Our Lord can bring you joy that only He can give.

One thing that many people search for but have a hard time finding is real joy. Some may wonder if joy is even possible. Pope Francis once wrote: "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." Being in a relationship with Our Lord Jesus is our joy. Let us pray as the pope reminds us "to the Virgin Mary that She helps us ... to walk in faith and charity, ever trusting in the Lord's mercy; He always awaits us, loves us, has pardoned us with His Blood and pardons us every time we go to Him to ask His forgiveness. Let us trust in His mercy!"

Our Lord chose to be with us, to heal the brokenhearted, to restore what was lost, to draw us closer to Himself and to each other. So never again could we say our God is cold and distant - watching us from far away. Sometimes in moments of hardship, we may think Our Lord does not care about us. But the truth is, He is as close as your next breath, your next heartbeat. During Christmas, we hear the word Emmanuel to describe Jesus which means, God-with-us. God is not absent! He is with us!

I want to welcome any newcomers to our parish this weekend. If you are new to the area or have been away from the Church for a while, I am glad you are here! You will find many opportunities to make our parish your spiritual home. If you have questions about our parish, do not hesitate to call or email us. We are ready to serve alongside you to build up the Kingdom of God!

I am hopeful that we will have a quiet week this week. Our office will be closed next week so that our staff can spend some time with family and friends. If you are traveling this week, do so safely. Make sure to include Christ in your week. During Christmas, praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are a wonderful way to pass the time as your travel in the car... not only are you able commune with Jesus through Mary but you may experience peace and quiet for 15 minutes! Win-win!

May God bless us all this Christmas Season!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Don Kline".

Fr. Don Kline, V.F.
Pastor



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Joy to the World!
The Lord Is Come!
Let Earth Receive
her King!

Have you read the news today - the "good news" of Jesus Christ, the Son of

God and son of Mary who was born for us and for our salvation. The word *gospel*/literally means *good news*! Jesus' birth in Bethlehem fulfilled the prophecy that the Messiah would descend from David and be born in David's city, Bethlehem (Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1-2; Micah 5:2-4).

The first to hear the good news of the savior's birth were not the rulers and religious leaders of Israel who were robed in riches and power. The angels first came to those who were humble and ready to receive the newborn king who was born in poverty and was now lying in a manger made for animals. Just as God had chosen and anointed David, a lowly shepherd of Bethlehem to become the shepherd king of Israel, so Jesus, likewise chose the path of humility and lowliness in coming to Israel as the good shepherd king who would lay down his life for their sake and salvation. After the angels had sung their hymn of glory in the presence of the shepherds, the shepherds made haste to adore the newborn king and sing their hymn of glory as well.

Many of the early church fathers have written hymns and homilies in praise of the Incarnation. John the Monk, an 8th century writer, in his *Hymn of the Nativity*, sings of the great exchange in the mystery and wonder of the Incarnation - God becoming man in order to bring man to heaven:

*Heaven and earth are united today, for Christ is born!
Today God has come upon earth, and humankind gone up to heaven. Today, for the sake of humankind, the invisible one is seen in the flesh. Therefore let us glorify him and cry aloud: glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace bestowed by your coming, Savior: glory to you!
Today in Bethlehem, I hear the angels: glory to God in the highest! Glory to him whose good pleasure it was that there be peace on earth! The Virgin is now more spacious than the heavens. Light has shone on those in darkness, exalting the lowly who sing like the angels: Glory to God in the highest! Beholding him [Adam] who was in God's image and likeness fallen through transgression, Jesus bowed the heavens and came down, without change taking up his dwelling in a virgin womb, that he might refashion Adam fallen in corruption, and crying out: glory to your epiphany, my Savior and my God!* [Stichera (hymn) of the Nativity of the Lord]

Why was it necessary for the Word of God to become flesh? We needed a savior who could reconcile us with God. Throughout the ages Christians have professed the ancient Nicene Creed: "He became man for our sake and for the sake of our salvation." The eternal Word became flesh for us so he could offer his life as an

atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world through the shedding of his blood on the cross. The Word became flesh to show us the infinite love and tender mercy of God for us sinners.

In the feast of Christmas, we celebrate present realities - Jesus Christ our redeemer who reigns in heaven and who also lives and reigns in our hearts through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. And we commemorate past events - the birth of the newborn Messiah King and his manifestation to Israel and to the gentile nations. We thank and bless God for the way in which he has saved us from the power of sin and the curse of death and destruction by sending his son to ransom us and give us pardon and abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Today, we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

God wants to fill our hearts anew with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift he could possibly give us - his beloved Son Jesus. What can we give thanks for in this great feast of the Incarnation? We can praise and thank God our Father for the fact that the Son of God freely and joyfully assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. Jesus came to release the captives from slavery to sin and to open the gates of paradise once again. This day the Holy Spirit invites us to make haste - as the shepherds of Bethlehem did - to adore Jesus our King and Messiah. The Lord Jesus Christ is our eternal good shepherd who guides and cares for us unceasingly and who gives us abundant everlasting life and union with the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This day the whole community of heaven joins with all believers of good will on earth in a jubilant song of praise for the good news proclaimed by the angels on Christmas eve: *Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people, for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord* (Luke 2:10-11).

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us (see Romans 5:2-5). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of your salvation in Jesus Christ?

"Lord our God, with the birth of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, your glory breaks on the world. As we celebrate his first coming, give us a foretaste of the joy that you will grant us when the fullness of his glory has filled the earth." www.dailyscripture.com



A Very Merry Christmas!

As the culmination of our anticipation of the birth of Christ our Savior reaches our hearts and speaks to our minds, we are reminded of the importance of cultivating our relationship with God. Your relationship with God and that of your children comes alive within our parish! Know that you are not alone, especially at Mass where we find the home that we long for.

The Religious Education Office continues to serve the community each year by guiding families in their pursuit of an authentic and enduring relationship with Christ. We invite you to come to encounter Christ, the Church He founded, and discover the happiness and longing only He can satisfy.

Want to know more about Religious Education at St. Bernadette Parish?

ST. BERNADETTE ADULT FORMATION

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

Call the Parish Office at 480-905-0221.

Men's Bible Study

Call Jim McLaughlin at 480-694-1297.

Kevin Saunders' Bible Study

Kdsaunders2@gmail.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



FROM ST. BERNADETTE'S
EDGE PROGRAM



A MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6:00PM-7:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

OUR SPRING SEMESTER

STARTS ON WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 12TH.

SEE YOU THERE!

CONTACT: JULIA McDONALD

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTER

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MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Answering the Gospel Call!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by a group of college students who were challenged in a debate to show how the Catholic Church was making a difference in the world. Troubled by this challenge, Frederick Ozanam turned to his friends on his 21st birthday and said, "Gentlemen let us take the Gospel into the streets." Since that day, Vincentians and

Vincentian volunteers have done just that.

Our parish-based conference is always open to new members and/or volunteers who wish to join us in serving the poor, the needy, the vulnerable, and the forgotten among us. We have a variety of service opportunities available for individuals and for families. There is no greater joy than knowing you have helped others and that you have been the face of Christ to others in their time of need. From volunteering at our area thrift store, to serving in a dining room, to delivering food to families, or joining our conference, there are countless ways for you to help us help others. Those in need are moved as much by the offering of our time as they are by the gifts we bring.

Give to SVdP for End of Year Tax Credit

Donate to St. Vincent de Paul and you can receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit of up to \$400 (\$800 if filing jointly). This credit is in addition to any school tax credits you may be able to take. And, you don't have to itemize deductions to take the credit! Please consult your tax advisor for details.

Make your gift to St. Bernadette SVdP Conference by December 31st and you'll have the added satisfaction of knowing your money is helping feed, clothe, house, and heal our neighbors in need.



Christmas Angel Tree Party

On Saturday, December 11th, children from families of the working poor participated in St. Bernadette's Christmas Angel Tree Party. More than 300 gifts and bikes were collected for the party, where more than 100 volunteers ranging in age from preschool to seniors, put in nearly 500 volunteer hours to make this event possible.

* * * Thank You * * *
* * * St. Bernadette Catholic Church * * *

When the doors opened, our guests enjoyed a hot dog lunch served by the Knights of

Columbus. After sharing a meal, the children and their families participated in our many activity centers: A Nativity Petting Zoo, nativity-themed bingo, a puppet show, a craft and gingerbread person making station, a coloring center, outdoor games, a bike/scooter giveaway and, of course, a visit with Santa complete with a gift and a stocking from his Toy Shop. Everyone had a great time!

Special thanks to Fry's Foods, Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale, Red Devil Restaurant and the ACS Vibrant Vinnies for their support and donations.

Most of all, a special thank you to the parishioners and donors of our parish. You made this Christmas truly special for others.



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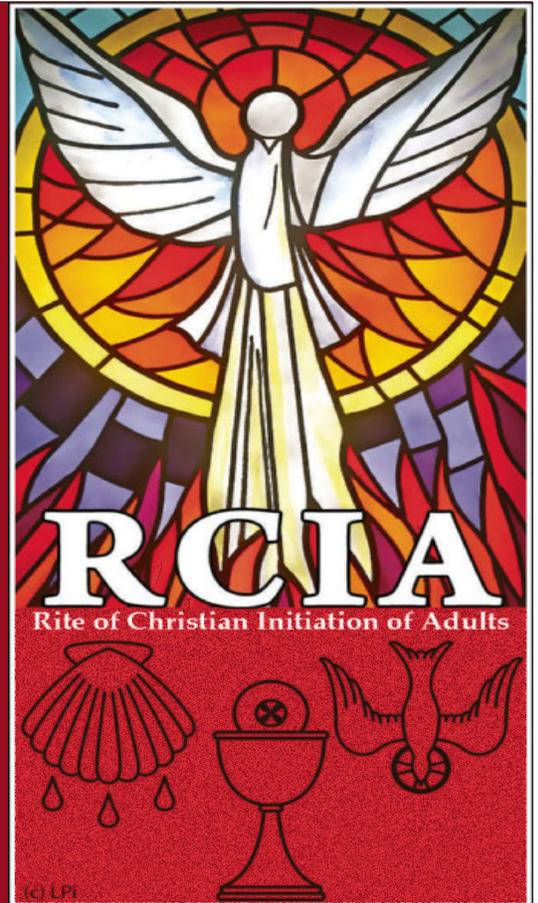
CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

For centuries, people have turned to the Catholic Church to find the answers to the deepest, hardest, and even the most basic questions of everyday life.

- ✕ Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?
- ✕ Are you a Christian of a different faith background who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith?
- ✕ Is God calling you to consider joining and living the Catholic faith?
- ✕ Do you know someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic faith?
- ✕ Are you an adult Catholic in need of completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist)?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please join us to explore God’s call in your life and to further develop a personal relationship with Christ. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the inquiry and formation process for adults interested in the Catholic faith.

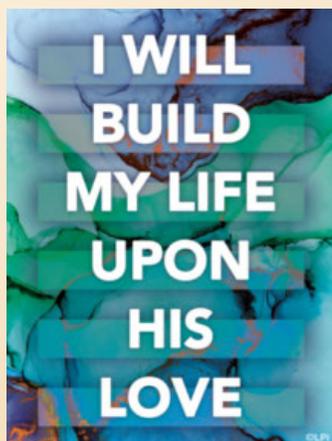
Contact Shirley Smalley at 480-905-4434 or ssmalley@saintbernadette.com for more information about RCIA.



Is God Calling You to Step Forth in Faith and Serve Him Through Service to His People?

As parishioners, we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. (LPI)

St. Bernadette Parish has more than 100 ministries and programs where you can offer your gifts and talents. Each of us is called by God to serve in different ways at different times in our lives. Where is God calling you to serve today? How can you enrich your relationship with God and grow in holiness by service to others and for the Lord?



There are no gifts of time and service that are inconsequential. All service and offerings of our time and talent make a difference. Each gift is a offering of love and a participation in the family of God. Our Parish invites you to join in the work and ministries that support our liturgies, our formation programs, charitable outreach, and our social activities.

We are here to help members of all ages to answer their baptismal call to serve.

Contact Shirley Smalley, Director of Volunteers at 480-905-4434 so she can assist you in finding ways to share your gifts and talents with the Lord.



Knights' Corner

**Knights Serving God - Serving the Community
This is Who We Are - This is What We Do**



This Holiday Season BECOME A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. We're here to build a daily bridge back to what matters, For our members and fellow Catholics.

The Knights of Columbus stands as the strong right arm of the Church, and challenges members to grow in their faith through programs, fraternity and vital resources such as our award-winning magazine, Columbia, and many other exclusive member communications.

With 1.9 million members around the world, we have been investing our time, effort and resources into our values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism since 1882.

Our Council was formed in February of 1998 and has grown to over 130 members today. The Council is a cornerstone of activity within the parish.

**As we head into the new year, make the
commitment to join St. Bernadette
Council #12164.**

For more information about joining please visit our website or contact us at the email address listed below.

<https://kofc12164.org>

contact@kofc12164.org



Join us for Perpetual Adoration

"The best time you will spend on earth is the time you spend with your best Friend, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." (St. Theresa of Calcutta)

To become a Eucharistic Adorer, please visit
www.stbernadette.weadorehim.com
and create an account.



What is the Christmas Season?

Many people believe that Christmas Day is the end of the Christmas season. They couldn't be more wrong: Christmas Day is the *first* day of Christmas. The period of feasting continues until Epiphany, *the 12th day after Christmas*, and the Christmas season does not end until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

In addition to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and Mary, the Mother of God, Catholics celebrate the following feasts:

The Feast of the Holy Family, honoring Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family. It is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas.

The Epiphany, the oldest of the Christmas feasts, is also known as Three Kings Day for the three magi who found the Christ Child after following a star to Bethlehem. It is celebrated on Sunday closest to Jan. 6 and is the major holiday of the Christmas period in the Eastern Church.

The Baptism of Our Lord brings the Christmas season to a close. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Epiphany.

What is "Little Christmas?"

In the Spanish-speaking world, Christmas Day is strictly religious, and gifts are exchanged on the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men (or Magi) brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus.

What are the names of the three kings?

Tradition names them Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The custom of blessing homes on Epiphany developed because the feast commemorates the time that the three kings visited the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Traditionally after the blessing, the initials of their names were written in chalk on the back of the door. They were enclosed by the year and connected by a cross in this way: 20+G+M+B+02.

Joy to the World

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community!