

*St. Bernadette  
Parish  
April 4, 2021*

**LET US**

*rejoice*

**AND BE**

*glad.*

**PSALM 118**

## Welcome!

With open hearts we welcome all who have come to the house of the Lord. If you are new to the parish, please take time to stop by the office and register. Once registered, this implies that you will participate with our faith community at Sunday Liturgy and return to the Lord by sharing your time, talent, and treasure with His Church. We hope that you find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and play together. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic Faith, we encourage you to return. If you would like to speak with someone on the parish staff, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments we invite you to contact Fr. John or Angela Cropley. In many cases we can work with you toward a favorable solution so you can again receive the Sacraments in the Catholic Church.

### St. Bernadette Catholic Church

#### Parish Office

861 SW 126th Street, Seattle, WA 98146  
Open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday, 8:30 am—12:30 pm  
Phone: (206) 242-7370, Fax: (206) 812-3142

#### Parish School

Phone: (206) 244-4934, Fax: (206) 244-4943  
Website: [www.stbernadettesea.org](http://www.stbernadettesea.org)

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 9:30 am  
**Weekday Masses:** Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00 am

*The Parish Staff wishes you joy in the  
Miracle of Easter!*

*Fr. John,  
Eve, Angela, Teresa,  
Shelly, Mike and Roger*



“Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin:  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen  
Our joy that hath no end.”  
- Saint John of Damascus



### Pastoral Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. John J. Ludvik  
**Pastoral Assistant for Religious Education:** Angela Cropley  
**Secretary:** Shelly Coggeshell  
**Bookkeeper:** Teresa Mansanarez  
**Organist:** Roger Berger

In this time of celebration we especially pray for those who have been affected by the coronavirus.

Our Lady of Seattle, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

### Sacraments

#### **Infant Baptism**

A Baptism preparation class is necessary prior to your child being baptized at St. Bernadette Parish. Classes are offered to parents at least four times throughout the year. Please call the parish office for information about the dates and times.

#### **Confirmation**

In our parish, Confirmation, a Sacrament of initiation, is celebrated every other year.

#### **First Holy Communion**

Preparation for First Communion is provided for children who are at least 7 years old. Classes/retreats begin in October and children celebrate First Holy Communion on the weekend after Easter. Children are prepared for First Reconciliation in November.

#### **Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM and by appointment.

#### **Marriage**

Engaged couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the process of preparing to be married in the Church. We also offer assistance to those couples who are planning to be married in another state or abroad.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

We strongly encourage all those who are planning surgery, dealing with an illness, or facing the end of life to call the parish office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health and the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection, Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

### Year of St. Joseph December 8, 2020—December 8, 2021

Saint Joseph was an accepting father.... Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. Even though he didn't understand the bigger picture, he protected Mary's name, her dignity and her life. Often in life we are faced with situations we do not understand. We may be disappointed or even rebellious. Joseph set aside his own ideas to accept and embrace the course of events he was given. We also need to accept God's will in our lives and follow God's lead.

## Ministries and Services

### Liturgical Ministries

*Eucharistic Ministers* serve the Body and Blood of Christ at all Masses. *Lectors* proclaim the Word of God. *Cantors and choirs* enhance the liturgy with instruments and songs. Beginning at grade 4, all children are encouraged to become *altar servers*. Sacristans work 'behind the scenes' to prepare the hosts, wine, and prayer books for the celebration of Mass. *Ushers* escort people to their seats, pass the collection baskets, and distribute the parish bulletins.

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are ready to serve at all times, bringing Our Lord to those who are sick or homebound. Some visit parishioners in their homes, while others minister to the residents at Burien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A Sunday morning Word and Communion Service is conducted at the El Dorado Retirement Community.

### Tribunal Advocacy

If you are legally divorced and want to petition the Tribunal for a Declaration about your marriage, an advocate is available to assist you with the paperwork. This can be a healing process which can help provide closure and begin your readiness to marry again. All information is kept confidential.

### Funerals

Funerals are arranged through the parish office. We are here to help you with planning the funeral Mass and any other needs that you may have in your time of grief. Our *Funeral Reception Committee* provides refreshments for family and friends in the parish hall after the liturgy.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Our dedicated volunteers provide assistance to the needy in our parish community with food, housing, utilities, gas, etc. This is accomplished through the generous donations of our parishioners. For the past few years, our Conference has been the recipient of a grant from the City of Burien to assist with housing for those facing homelessness or eviction. There is a food pantry located in the parish office where bags of essential items are prepared for the hungry. A special item of the week is noted in the weekend bulletin to keep the shelves stocked with necessary supplies.

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization engaged in local and global charity. We have an active council at St. Bernadette Parish that is always ready to assist with our needs. They change the pew song books every November in preparation for the new liturgical year. They cook community breakfasts in the parish hall to support our parish school and seminarian formation – Breakfast with Santa is very popular.

### Church Cleaning Teams

Groups of volunteers take turns keeping God's house clean and shiny! Additional volunteers are always welcome.

### Church Environment

Altar clothes are changed to reflect each liturgical season. Plants are watered and flowers are arranged in vases. Christmas and Easter require special attention.

### Community Outreach

During Advent/Christmas, our parish participates in the Giving Tree project: gifts are collected for residents of Burien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, children of St. Francis House, and teens in juvenile detention. Meal-in-a-Bag is distributed to the needy in our area. In February we conduct a parish clothing drive, collecting items for men, women, teens, and children to be directly donated, not sold.

## Parish School

St. Bernadette Parish School has 126 students learning in a faith-filled environment. In addition to grades Kindergarten through 8, we have an all-day Early Learning Program for preschool (3 years old) and prekindergarten (4 years old) children. Along with the basic subjects, our school provides classes in music, PE, computers/information skills, and library. St. Bernadette School also offers opportunities for band, drama, art, and choir.

Students attend Mass every Friday. During COVID restrictions students attend Prayer Service every Friday. They participate as lectors, readers, gift bearers, and altar servers. The children support Mary's Meals, a globally active lunch program that provides a meal for needy students around the world. The third graders organize 2 food drives during the year, supplying food for our parish St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

St. Bernadette Parish School always welcomes new students.

## Christian Formation

### Faith Formation

**Pre-COVID**—The Faith Formation Program offers a family-centered approach to religious education. Large group gatherings center on a seasonal theme where families learn and grow together. The program includes liturgy, scripture, theology, prayer, small community catechesis, and activities to encourage families to live faithfully at home.

### Religious Education for Children

**Pre-COVID**—Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Faith Formation Center. New students are welcome at any time. In a coordinated effort with St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vacation Bible School welcomes children for one week every August. Students from PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, engage in a variety of activities to help them come to know the love of God.

### Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (RCIA and RCIC)

We have a dedicated and knowledgeable team of leaders who are here to answer your questions about living with faith, the teachings of the Church, and the process of becoming Catholic. Classes meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center. Guests and friends are always welcome. Classes adapted for children are offered on Sunday mornings and after school during the school year.

## Parish Groups

### Parish Finance Council

The Finance Council is a consultative body that provides the parish with advice concerning the stewardship of fiscal resources. This group develops and oversees the annual parish budget process. Current fiscal status reports are analyzed and studied, noting directions and trends.

### Faith Formation Commission

Our newly formed Faith Formation Commission assesses the needs of our community and develops a faith formation program that addresses the diversity of our parish.

### School Commission

The purpose of the School Commission is to advise and support the principal in the operation of the parish school. This diverse group assesses the needs of the school community, evaluates the effectiveness of the school in education and formation, and recommends policies and planning for school operations.

### Athletics

Our Parish Athletic Association, in conjunction with CYO, organizes teams and volunteer coaches for all sports: soccer, cross country, basketball, and baseball. Volunteers work tirelessly to prepare the Annual Italian Dinner, the biggest fundraiser of the year.

### St. Bernadette Seniors

All parishioners age 55+ are encouraged to join the ! Our Seniors pray together at Mass, host multiple potlucks throughout the year, and collect items for our food pantry. The Seniors support all parish and school activities.

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