



On behalf of St. Bernadette parishioners, Ladies Altar Society President Michelle Tholen and Grand Knight Paul Tholen presented Father Thainese with an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis in celebration of his Ruby Jubilee. Congratulations, Father!



"May God continue to bless you and keep you here at St. Bernadette for years to come. But, if God needs you in other areas, may he bless you and those wherever you may be."

With Gratitude for Your Ministry and Service, Father

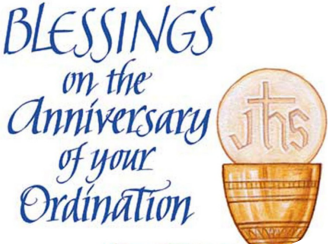


Some messages from parishioners...

"Thank you for answering God's call to the priesthood. You have shared your knowledge of our Catholic faith with many people these past 40 years. I have greatly appreciated and enjoyed your time here at St. Bernadette and I thank you for helping to increase my love, faith, and knowledge for God and the Catholic Church."

"Father, I hope you know what a blessing you are to so many. We love you so much and want the best for you. Thank you for 40

"Dear Father, I just wanted to say how much I treasure you as my Pastor (In Persona Christi). You sign off the bulletin, In the Service of the Lord, and you are in service to us, your faithful and thankful parishioners. The phrase used while praying for vocations, "put Jesus always on their lips, so that they may radiate joy" is an apt personification of your priesthood. Your love of our Lord is an example to us and your insightful homilies are a blessing to us. We are fortunate to have you here at St. Bernadette and you are loved very much."

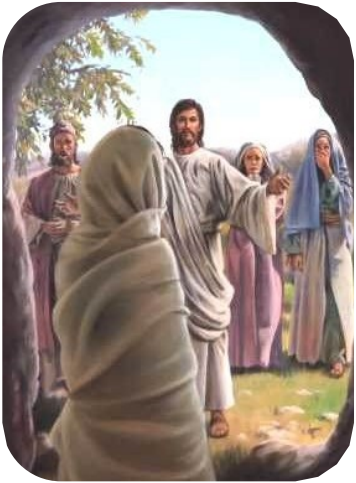


"Once in a while there comes someone very special, like you, who not only serves the Church and its people faithfully, but who makes of their own life a living testimony of Christ's love.

We love you, Father. Thank you for your many years of devoted and caring ministry."

"Thank you for all you do to bring us closer to Jesus!"

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Bayou Vista, Louisiana April 6, 2025



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Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm

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Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30am - 12pm

Maintenance: Kim Meranta - Wed.

Sacraments
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:50pm;
Sundays & weekdays:
20 minutes before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Call the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated after Sunday's 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.
Anointing the Sick:
Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:
Confirmation -
Thursday, April 24 - 6 pm
1st Holy Eucharist -
Sunday, April 27 - 10:30 am
LAST day of classes — April 30th
LAST Faith Formation Mass — May 4th

5th Sunday of Lent

Holy Mass Schedule:
Weekends:
Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am
Weekdays:
Tuesday - Friday: 12:10 pm

Holy Week Schedule	
Apr. 12-13 Palm Sunday Regular Schedule April 14 9:00 am MASS April 15 12:10 pm MASS April 16 12:10 pm MASS April 17 Chrism Mass @ Cathedral of St. John https://diolaf.org/ 10:00 am 3:00 pm Chapel Closes 6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Washing of the feet 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	April 18 Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - Passion Narratives from the Gospel of John - Solemn Intercessions - Veneration of the Cross April 19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm April 20 Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday April 12	4:00 pm	Melinda Frederick	1. Kathleen 2. Larry	Judy Brannon	Luke J.
Sunday April 13	7:30 am	Elaine Landry	1. Jimmy 2. Michelle	-----	
	10:30am	Maria Landry	1. Pete 2. Kathy S.	Pete Lipari	Koen Christian Rickey Luke L.
Holy Thursday April 17	6:00 pm	Kim	Becky	Judy Brannon	Connor Luke L. Christian Rickey
Good Friday April 18	3:00 pm	John T.	1 Michelle 2 Pete 3 Catherine C.	John T.	Parker D. Logan Rickey Ethan
Holy Saturday April 19	8:00 pm	Renee	1 Kathy S. 2 Larry	Paul	Koen Parker D. Rickey Luke L.
Easter Sunday April 20	7:30 am	Elaine	Francis	---	Ethan
	10:30 am	Carlo	Jimmy	Jenny	Parker Elijah Luke J.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 7th

9:00 am

†Parishioners of St. Bernadette.

Tuesday, April 8th

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson
†Joey Hepler.

Wednesday, April 9th

†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, April 10th

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson
†Trevor Wiggins.

Friday, April 11th

†Souls in Purgatory.

Jonathan Delatte,
Chris Hardy,
Nick Gardemal,
Matt Bosworth, Cameron
Campos, Matthew S.
Landry, Luke Zweigle,
Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von
Buelow, Bart Von Buelow,
Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer
Hebert, Jonathan Jenson,
Logan Gros, Liam
Guillotte, Elise
Buonopane, Alex Mund,
Jonah Foreman, Carson
LeBlanc.



Gerald Hotard, AnnaLee Daigle, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Kenny Guillot, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlafve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Christie Mayea, Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Father Wilber Todd, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock., Horace Pete, Jr., Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux.

St. Bernadette Church Offerings March 29-30, 2025

✠ Offering.....\$2,582.00
✠ Catholic Relief.....\$820.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, April 12th

Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Clarence & Ella Walker
†B.A. "Red" & Yvonne Anne Adams †Floyd Verrett
†David Stansbury †Velma & Eldridge Williams
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Bill Adams
†Thomas Beadle †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr. †Claire Torres Ingalls
†Gene & Anna Bosworth †Jim Aloisio
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, April 13th

7:30 am

†Albert Solet †Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell †Choker & Greg Cart.

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Ruth Wiggins
†Carlo Streva, Sr †Alice & Lester Waguespack
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†Floyd & Mel Verret.



Wisdom comes
with age.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. John 8:7-9

This passage comes from the story of the woman caught in adultery when she is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her stoning. His response is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter the tender mercy of Jesus.

But there is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked. It is the line that states, "...beginning with the elders." This reveals an interesting dynamic within human communities. Generally speaking, those who are younger tend to lack the wisdom and experience that comes with age. Though the young may find it hard to admit, those who have lived a long life have a unique and broad picture of life. This enables them to be far more prudent in their decisions and judgments, especially when it comes to the more intense situations in life.

In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Emotions are high and these emotions clearly cloud the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

Reflect, this week, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realize. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.

To Remove the Stain of Sin

In today's world, there are books to tell us what solvent to use to clean every kind of stain. Here are a few: Glycerin will remove the stain from a ballpoint pen. Boiling water will remove berry stains. Vinegar will remove crayon stains. To remove a rust stain from your cotton work clothes, moisten the spot with some full-strength vinegar and then rub in a bit of salt. Ammonia will remove blood stains. Alcohol will remove grass stains. Hydrogen peroxide is good for magic marker stains. Mix a teaspoon of 3% hydrogen peroxide with a little cream of tartar or a dab of non-gel toothpaste. Rub the paste on the stain with a soft cloth. Rinse. The stain, whatever it was, should be gone. Try a little meat tenderizer to remove protein-based stains like milk, chocolate, and blood from clothes. Use bleach on mildew stains. Lemon juice works well on rust stains.

But you know what is used to remove the stain of sin? And who can do that? There is only One Person who can do that. Only Jesus Christ, the Incarnation of Divine Mercy, as described in today's Gospel, can forgive us our sins when we

repent, confess our sins, and ask God's pardon and forgiveness.

While Mother Teresa is certainly famous for charity related works, she was also a great "Missionary of Mercy." She was calling everyone to receive Jesus' forgiving love in the Sacrament of Confession, a Sacrament she received at least once a week. She would counsel others, "One thing is necessary for us: Confession. Confession is nothing but humility in action. We call it Penance, but really it is a Sacrament of Love, a Sacrament of forgiveness. It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, that destroys. Confession is a beautiful act of great love. Only in confession can we go in as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin... There's no need for us to despair, no need for us to commit suicide, no need for us to be discouraged, if we have understood the tenderness of God's love." She said elsewhere, very simply, "Confession is Jesus and I, and nobody else." And then she told us, "Remember this for life."

"I Don't Remember"

In his book, *A Forgiving God in an Unforgiving World*, Ron Lee Davis tells the true story of a priest in the Philippines, a much-loved man of God who carried the burden of a secret sin he had committed many years ago. He had repented but still had no peace about it. In his parish was a woman who deeply loved God and who claimed to have visions in which she spoke with Christ. The priest, however, was skeptical about that. To test her he said, "The next time you speak with Christ, ask him what sin I committed while I was in high school." The woman agreed. A few days later the priest asked, "Well, did Christ visit you in your dreams?" "Yes, he did," she replied. "And did you ask him what sin I had committed in my young life." She smiled and answered, "Christ said, 'I don't remember.' "

Bible Quiz #46

The Book of Exodus (Chapters 26 - 31)

1. What was kept in the holy of holies behind the veil?
2. What was the duty entrusted to Aaron and his sons?
3. What are the priestly vestments?
4. What was kept on the shoulder of Aron?
5. When was the altar made sacred?
6. What was the purpose of the census the Israelites took?
7. How much is a registered person to give to the Lord as forfeit?
8. Who was expected to pay the forfeit to the Lord?
9. Why was the Sabbath to be kept something sacred?
10. Who inscribed the tablets of the commandments?

DUE: May 4th