



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Bayou Vista

July 20, 2025

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
(Closed for Lunch)

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass

Weekends:

Saturday
Anticipated Mass
4:00 pm

Sunday
7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday
12:10 pm

Pastor

Rev. Thainese Alphonse
Email: talphonse@diolaf.org

Parish Staff

Bookkeeper: Lois Bosworth
*Mon. 8:30am - 3:30pm,
Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am - 12pm*
Secretary/DRE: Becky W. Meranta
Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm

Church & Rectory House Keeper:

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

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays
20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 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 during office hours to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:

2025 - 2026 classes
will begin in September.

Kindergarten - 8th
5:45 - 7:00 pm
on Wednesdays.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY
(Registration forms are located
in the vestibule.)

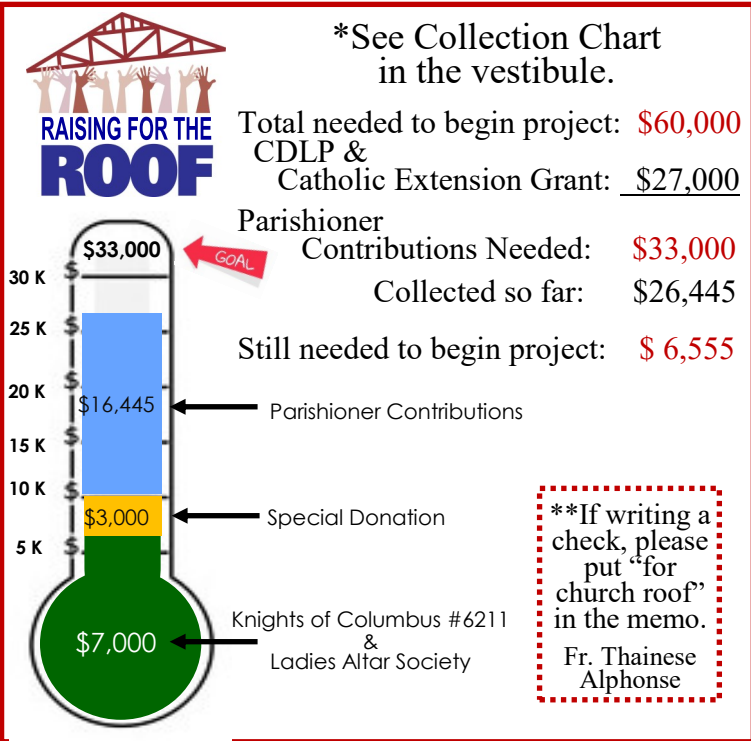
Bible Quiz #48

The Book of Joshua (Chapters 1 - 5)

1. What is the purpose of the book of Joshua written?
2. What was the divine promise of assistance to Joshua?
3. How did Rahab save the spies?
4. How did the woman lead the spies from the roof?
5. What did the priests do while crossing river Jordan?
6. How did the people cross the river Jordan?
7. What are memorial stones?
8. What was the importance of Gilgal?
9. What is the meaning of Gilgal?
10. When did manna stop for the Israelites?

Submit answers by July 30, 2025.

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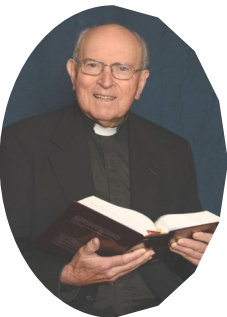
Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday July 26	4:00 pm	Judy Brannon	Catherine Cali	Judy Brannon	Luke
Sunday July 27	7:30 am	Kim Meranta	Becky Meranta	—	Ethan
	10:30 am	Maria Landry	Kathy Shilling	Pete Lipari	Koen Parker D Logan Dylan

St. Bernadette Church Offerings July 12-13, 2025

Offering.....\$4,258.00
Catholic Communications..... \$ 503.00
Thank you for your generosity!

CELEBRATING 66 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD!



This year marks 66 years of priesthood for Father Conley Bertrand, author/creator of the *Come, Lord Jesus!* Program. Below is a message from Fr. Bertrand taken from the July issue of the *Come, Lord Jesus!* Newsletter.



"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

How happy an experience it is for me to see these words being literally fulfilled before my very eyes. For more than 55 years now I have been seeing this phenomenon happen: *Come, Lord Jesus!* Members are becoming more and more like Jesus. Now I know what Jesus looked like! He could easily say to you, "He who sees you, sees me." How affirming and exciting it is for me to see the program produce such striking results.

Come, Lord Jesus! is successful as a program, but it is far more than that! It has become clear that *Come, Lord Jesus!* is also a way of life — or, if you will, it ushers people into a new way of living a life that is filled with a deep love for God and each other, caring for the needy, witnessing of faith, and growing spiritually. C.B.

For more information about participating in the *Come, Lord Jesus!* Program — by joining an existing group or establishing a new group — call Becky Meranta.

"Handmaid of the Lord"

Cathy Dupre, leader
Wednesdays
10:30 am

"The Lord is my Banner"

Roland & Judy Brannon, leaders
Thursdays
6:30 pm

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 22nd
12:10 pm
†John Ourso
†Danny Peterson

Wednesday, July 23rd
12:10pm
†AJ Zerangue.

Thursday, July 24th
12:10 pm
†John Ourso
†Danny Peterson

Friday, July 25th
12:10 pm
†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.

Saturday, July 26th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Jim Aloisio †Trish Mancuso
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Betty T. Ross †Ray LaHoste, Jr
†Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Peggy & Albert Hebert
†Red & Yvonne Anne Adams †Claire Torres Ingalls
†Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Mary Bernard Blanchard †Kenny & Jerri Guillot
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families †Evelyn Estay.

Sunday, July 27th
7:30 am
†Albert Solet †Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell.

10:30 am
†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Strega, Sr. †Alice & Lester Waguespack
†Melvin Vinning †Ida Sons Crappell †Helen Landry
†Roberta Duplantis Family †Kenny & Jerri Guillot
†Seth Chumbly Family - Living & Deceased
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

Are You a Mary or a Martha?

The story of Mary and Martha reminds us to keep our priorities in the right order — God first in everything — no matter how busy our lives are. The following are some lessons we learn from Martha and Mary.



4 Lessons We Learn from Martha

1. Go straight to Jesus with your problem.

When Martha demanded that Jesus tell her sister to come and help her, He said, “*Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken from her.*”

- Do you think Martha was embarrassed by what Jesus said to her. Did she realize that she was missing out by being too busy serving instead of using that time to sit and listen to Jesus? Do we take time to sit still in God's presence and be instructed by Him?

2. Come boldly and confidently in the Lord's Presence.

- Martha is so comfortable and confident in Jesus' presence that she can say to Him exactly how she feels and doesn't have to hide her frustration. We, too, should have a comfortable relationship with Jesus that is so solid and intimate that we can boldly come into God's presence anytime without fear and wanting to hide from Him.

3. Seek God's peace.

- Jesus teaches Martha that the most important thing in life — 'one thing' that Jesus wants for all of us — is to seek peace in His presence. When we get that 'one thing' right, everything else will fall into place. In this place, we gain God's grace and wisdom for the task before us, and we will have God's peace in the middle of whatever busy season that we are in.

4. Activate your faith muscle.

- When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him saying, “Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” What a statement of faith from Martha!

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2 Lessons We Learn from Martha

PEACE OF MIND

"Burnout" has become a term everybody knows, because we see people around us collapsing into numbness and addiction - if not to alcohol or drugs, to television or pleasure or to the rat-race of getting ahead. It's little wonder that a USA Today poll a couple of years ago showed that an overwhelming majority of people from all walks of life, when asked what they wanted most from life, replied "peace of mind." The tale of two sisters from Bethany, today's gospel, tells us how to have it.

SET YOUR PRIORITIES

There is a story about a man who was preparing his favorite breakfast of hot oatmeal when his daughter came rushing in with his little four-year-old grandson. "The babysitter has been delayed," she explained, "and I've got to go to work. Will you keep Bobby for a few hours?" Granddad said, "Sure," and his daughter left. Then Granddad scooped up two bowls of oatmeal. "Do you like sugar?" he asked. When Bobby nodded he asked, "How about some butter, too?" When his grandson nodded again he asked, "How about milk?" "Sure," the boy said. But when the grandfather placed the steaming bowl of oatmeal in front of Bobby, the boy made a face and pushed it away. "But when I asked you, you said you liked sugar, butter and milk," grandfather protested. "Yeah," Bobby answered, "but you didn't ask me if I like oatmeal." Granddad forgot to ask the most elemental question. Sometimes we forget to do that, too. We never set priorities. We never list in our own minds what those things are that matter most. We allow life to buffet us here and there and we never center in on those things that really matter.

“LOOK BUSY, MAN! LOOK BUSY!”

A religious poll asked people this question: "Do you believe in the Second Coming of Christ?" If the respondent said “yes”, a subsequent question was put to them: "What would you do if you knew Jesus was coming back today?" One young man replied, "Look busy, Man! Look busy!" Isn't that the mindset of our age? It seems as though most of us build our lives on the premise that personal worth and significance, as well as meaning in life, are dependent upon being busy. Too often we are identified by what we produce and what we achieve. We are even identified on the basis of how much we consume - not only of material goods but education, public events, passive hobbies and pleasure.

2 Lessons We Learn from Mary

1. Seek God's presence first.

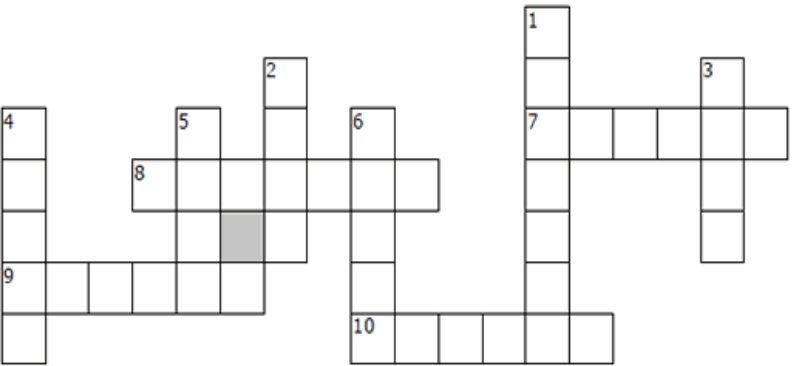
- Mary wasn't concerned that she was breaking the cultural rules of her time. Because of her hunger to hear all that Jesus was teaching, she boldly made sure she had a place to sit and listen. Jesus said that Mary had chosen the right thing. He longs for us to also choose the right thing and take time throughout our busy daily lives to sit at his feet and soak in His presence.

2. Be devoted to Jesus and listen for Him to speak to you.

- Mary had been listening to all that Jesus had been teaching, and in an act of devotion, she ministered to him by pouring out expensive oil all over His feet. Mary loved, trusted, and believed every word that Jesus spoke, so that is how she was able to show her devotion and take the opportunity to bless the Lord.

Are you a Mary or a Martha?

The story of Mary and Martha teaches us that we need to be both a Mary and a Martha. When you seek God's presence, you become refreshed, and when you are listening to His voice you will receive His battle plan for your day.



ACROSS

7. To pay attention to what someone says
8. To be concerned about something; to be troubled
9. A spoken or written reply to a question
10. A female having the same parents as another person

DOWN

1. A very small town
2. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
3. To give assistance to someone
4. An adult female human
5. The place where a family lives
6. The son of God

WORK	WORRIED	JESUS	SISTER	VILLAGE
ANSWER	HELP	LISTEN	WOMAN	HOME

Together we Pray
Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, AnnaLee Daigle, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, 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, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Strega, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen.

You are worried & upset about many things, but only one thing is needed.
Luke 10:41-42