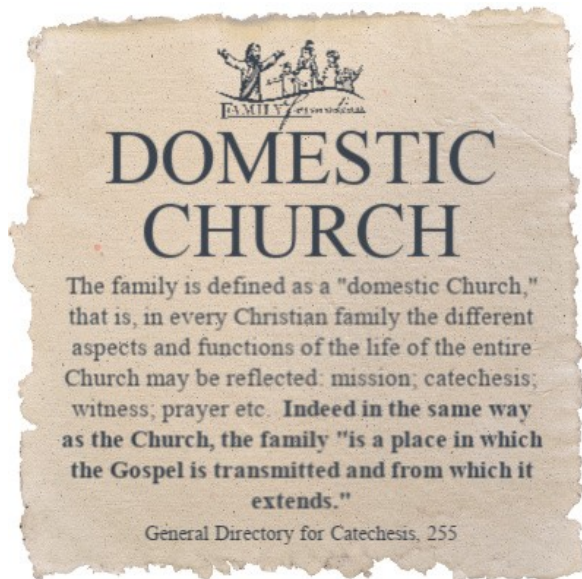


"Domestic Church"

"The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a **domestic church**."* It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church as is evident in the New Testament.

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*Familiaris Consortio (1981)



HERE ARE 10 ENCOURAGEMENTS FOR PRAYING IN YOUR DOMESTIC CHURCH.

- Remember that your home is a domestic church**, a place where the Father desires to bestow graces whenever He is welcomed.
- Designate a specific place** — a corner, chair, or room — for spending time with Jesus and abiding in His Sacred Heart.
- Decide on a particular time and duration** by examining your heart with Jesus.
- Light a candle** to remind your senses that this time is set apart from the other demands of your day.
- Place a crucifix and a holy image** (such as Mary and Joseph or a favorite saint) in your space to meditate upon. These visuals will remind you of the communion of saints praying for you and with you during this time.
- Select a passage from scripture** or a spiritual reading beforehand. The focus should allow be on Jesus.
- Remember** that Jesus desires to bring **His presence and His heart** into your home to dwell among you.
- Engage** with the selected passage or prayer **material through lectio divina**.
- Jesus wants to be a part of your day, but more than that, **He wants you to be a part of His 'day.'**
- Protect and defend your time.** You may have a busy day, but resist being tempted to cut yourself off from you source of life. The enemy fights against things that take away his power.



"Every Christian family is called to be a small 'DOMESTIC CHURCH' that must shine with the Gospel virtues."

- SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Bayou Vista May 25, 2025



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6th Sunday of Easter



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Mon. 8:30am - 3:30pm, Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am - 12pm

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Church & Rectory House Keeper: Melinda Frederick

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

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 - 3:50pm;

Sundays and weekdays 20 minutes 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.

All grades (Kindergarten - 8th) will be meeting from 5:45 - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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

Holy Mass

Weekends:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 12:10 pm

St. Bernadette Church Offerings

May 17 - 18, 2025

Offering.....\$ 2,794.00

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Our Mission & Vision Statement

St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Bayou Vista, Louisiana, is an active Church parish in the Diocese of Lafayette that continues the Sacramental Traditions of Jesus Christ as handed down by the Apostles. We strive to live lives of Communion and Participation as we seek to fulfill the mission bestowed on us by Christ."

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 27th
12:10 pm

†John Ourso
†Danny Peterson

Wednesday, May 28th
12:10pm

†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, May 29th
12:10 pm

†John Ourso
†Danny Peterson
†Alice & Lester Waguespack, Sr.
†Lynette Meranta
†Breaux, Pete, Wiggins, & Meranta Families

Friday, May 30th
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, May 31st
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Thomas Rivet, Jr
†Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Jim Aloisio
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Ray LaHoste, Jr
†Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Peggy & Albert Hebert
†Red & Yvonne Anne Adams †Claire Torres Ingalls
†Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr †Gene Bosworth
†Holy Souls in Purgatory †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Herman Sonnier, Sr. †Herman Lee Sonnier, Jr.
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, June 1st
7:30 am

†Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell.

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Streva, Sr. †Alice & Lester Waguespack
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†Garris Family - Living & Deceased †Lynette Meranta
†Breaux, Pete, Wiggins, & Meranta Family - Living &
Deceased †Souls in Purgatory.

Together We Pray
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 Schlatve, 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 Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen.

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The Holy Spirit gives us power
Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit teaches and gives us insight
John 14:26

The Holy Spirit gives us joy, peace and righteousness
Rom. 14:17

The Holy Spirit imparts God's love
Rom. 5:5

The Holy Spirit shows us things to come
John 16:13

The Holy Spirit guides and helps us to pray
Rom. 8:28

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the heart of the faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of thy love.

Send forth thy spirit and they shall be recreated. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

St Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my works, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday May 31	4:00 pm	Julia Hepler	Linda Russo	Linda Russo	
Sunday June 1	7:30 am	Paula Wiggins	Francis Bergeron	—	
	10:30 am	Jenny Guillot	Madeline Guillot	Paul Tholen	Dylan Connor Christian

The Most Unpromising Boy in my Class

A schoolmaster in France was discouraged with one of his students. He wrote in his roll book concerning this student: "He is the smallest, the meekest, the most unpromising boy in my class." Half a century later, an election was held in France to select the greatest Frenchman. By popular vote, that meekest, smallest, most unpromising boy was chosen. His name? Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), the founder of modern medicine. When he was seventy-three, a national holiday was declared in his honor. He was too weak to attend the ceremony in Paris, so he sent a message to be read by his son. The message read: "The future belongs not to the conquerors but to the saviors of the

world" [Edward Chinn, *Wonder of Words* (Lima, Ohio: C.S.S. Publishing Co., Inc., 1987), p. 18].

Louis Pasteur was driven by a great purpose. Your name and my name may never be a household word like Pasteur's, but we, too, can be driven by a great purpose. Christ can give us that purpose. But there is one thing more Christ gives us. He gives us the presence of the Holy Spirit as promised in today's gospel. A healthy sense of identity and a driving purpose are not enough in themselves. One more thing is needed. It is the in-dwelling Spirit of the living God. (*Excerpts from Fr Tony Kadavil's sermons collection*).

The Guidance of the Holy Spirit
www.young-catholics.com

On the 6th Sunday of Easter Year C, we reflect on how the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in the Gospel, guides the Church. In the first reading, we see the apostles making important decisions with the help of the Holy Spirit. This guidance was crucial in resolving issues and uniting the early Church. The Holy Spirit provided clarity and direction, helping the apostles stay true to Jesus' teachings.

The role of the Holy Spirit didn't end with the apostles. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, offering wisdom and support to leaders and believers alike. This presence helps the Church remain faithful to the mission of Christ, even in challenging times. The decisions made by the Church are influenced by the Holy Spirit, ensuring they align with God's will.

As we celebrate the 6th Sunday of Easter Year C, we are reminded to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in our own lives. By opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we can find the strength and wisdom needed to make good decisions. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us, just as it led the apostles, and continue to guide the Church in truth and unity.

The Butterfly Effect

"Today's real borders are not between nations, but between powerful and powerless, free and fettered, privileged and humiliated. Today no walls can separate humanitarian or human rights crises in one part of the world from national security crises in another. Scientists tell us that the world is so small and interdependent that a butterfly flapping its wings in the Amazon forest can generate a storm on the other side of the earth. The principle is known as the "Butterfly Effect." Today we realize more than ever that the world of human activity also has its own 'Butterfly Effect' for better or for worse. The classical example is the history-making growth of Christianity in the first century by the Spirit transformed lives of the apostles and early Christians. (Kofi Annan –*Excerpts from Nobel Prize acceptance speech*).

Something to THINK About...

- How does understanding the Holy Spirit's role in the early Church inspire you?
- What challenges do you face in recognizing the Holy Spirit's guidance?
- How can you open your heart more to the guidance of the Holy Spirit?
- How do you experience the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
- How can you share the love of the Holy Spirit with others?

Note to self...
If I let my mind be guided by The Holy Spirit, I will find life and peace
Romans 8:6

Holy Spirit Lead Me