

FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday, September 21, we will be meeting for our first class. There is also a brief parent meeting at 6:30 pm.

Who taught you about Jesus? This is the very question I will begin with as our children gather together before classes. The answer I hope to hear includes one, or a combination of, the following: Mom, Mommy, Dad, Daddy, Granny, MiMi, Paw Paw, etc.

As Catholics, we believe that our faith is not just something we learn in a classroom once a week or from a book, but something that is deeply rooted in our daily lives and relationships. That is why the role of parents as the first catechists of their children is so important.

In our *Gospel Weeklies* lessons throughout the year, our children will be meeting Jesus in the Sunday Gospel, the same Gospel that will be proclaimed during Mass the upcoming weekend. As your child's first, and most important catechist, it's your role to help them develop a personal relationship with God by providing them with opportunities to learn about the teachings of the Church, the sacraments, and the lives of the saints. While we are extremely grateful that your children are usually present at class weekly, it is more important for them to be in Mass every weekend. Your family belongs to the Catholic community, but in order to feel this sense of belonging, your family **MUST BE** involved in the life of the Church. By taking an active role in the life of the Church, you can help your children see the relevance and importance of our Catholic faith in our lives.

Take some time to talk with your children using some of this other questions I plan to ask.

- Who taught you your first prayers?
- Who are your Godparents?
- What holy items, statues, images do you have around your home that reminds you of God's love?
- Who takes you to church and what's the name of your church?
- Who is your priest?
- What do you know about Jesus?

I can't wait to see and pray with everyone this Wednesday!

God Bless! BMW, DRE

What is FAITH FORMATION?

**"Enkindle the love of Jesus
in the hearts of the young."**

—Saint John Baptist de La Salle

These words from Saint John Baptist de La Salle are the heart and goal of the ministry behind faith formation. Broadly speaking, Catholic faith formation, or *catechesis*, is the process by which young people come to know, love and follow God and the teachings of the Church.

Faith Formation ...

- is a life-long process that helps us grow in our relationship with God.
- involves learning the core beliefs, practices, and moral teachings of our faith, including sacraments, prayer, and scripture.
- aims to deepen understanding of scripture, tradition, and the Church's teachings as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC).
- is an essential process to foster a strong spiritual life and prepares us to live out our faith in the world.
- is not just for children but continues through adulthood.
- vitally strengthens our Catholic identity and community.

Faith Formation is a shared responsibility among parishes, clergy, and families. It builds a foundation for living a life rooted in Catholic values and thrives when the whole Church participates. Without family involvement, children might see faith as separate from daily life. This collective responsibility is vital to keeping our faith alive. www.catholicshare.com

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Bayou Vista September 14, 2025



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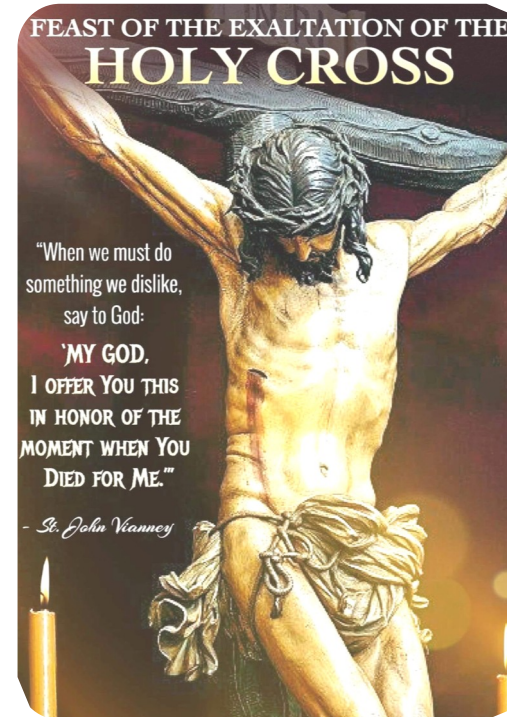
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Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass
4:00 pm

Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday 12:10 pm



Crucifix of San Damiano

**We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You...
Because by Your holy
Cross You have redeemed the world**

**"Always be ready to give an
explanation...for a reason for
your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)**



**Catechetical
Sunday
Faith Formation Mass**
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
10:30 am

DONATION REQUEST

We are so blessed by the many of you asking if you can help with snacks for our children. YES! We would love that! Any time throughout the year, we will graciously accept individual snacks. You can drop off during office hours or on Wednesday evenings at the hall. God Bless! Becky



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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
begin September 17th.
Kindergarten - 8th
Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

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MASS Intentions

Tuesday, Sept. 16th
12:10 pm
†Horace Pete, Jr. †Barrett Cart
†Danny Peterson †John Ourso

Wednesday, Sept. 17th
12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory
†Horace Pete, Jr.

Thursday, Sept. 18th
12:10 pm
†Danny Peterson †John Ourso
†Horace Pete, Jr. †Cart Family
†Albert & Peggy Hebert.

Friday, Sept. 19th
12:10 am
†Horace Pete, Jr. †Souls in Purgatory.

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

Together We Pray
Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, 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 Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., 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, 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 Strevia, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Sammy Castalano.

St. Bernadette Church Offerings
September 6-7, 2025
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Liturgical Ministries table with 6 columns: Date, Mass, Sacristan, Lector, Min. of Comm., Altar Servers. Rows for Sat. Sept. 20 and Sun. Sept. 21.

Saturday, September 20th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Jim Aloisio †Thomas Rivet, Jr
†Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Horace Pete, Jr.
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Ray LaHoste, Jr
†Raymond LaHoste, Sr †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Whalen Kiffe †AnnaLee Daigle †Kenny & Jerri Guillot
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Marge Williams †Jane Braddock †Louis & Girlie Berthelot
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families
†Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday, September 21st
7:30 am
†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Horace Pete, Jr.
†Maria & Ruben Trevino †Ruby & Roland Crappell.
10:30 am
†Faith Formation Families †Volunteer Catechists
†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Strevia, Sr. †Alice & Lester Waguespack
†Helen Landry Family †Roberta Duplantis Family
†Kenny & Jerri Guillot †Marie Martin †Barrett Cart
†Canty & Thibodeaux Families - Living & Deceased
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

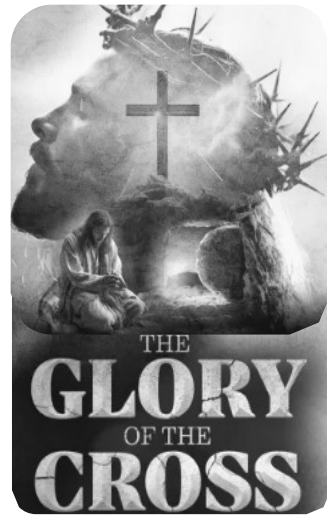
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- VALUE
- JOY
- COMPASSION
- MINDSET
- SPIRIT
- JESUS
- OBEDIENT
- EXALTED
- UNITED
- LOVE

What we need to know on the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus.

The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: “Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!” (Pope Francis).



Stop turning in on ourselves

“Being Christian”, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, “is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event.”

The liturgy on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter into a relationship of love with everyone. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the Cross.

Lifting up our gaze to God expresses a very important truth: we are invited to enter back into a relationship with Him. We need to stop turning in on ourselves, uselessly nurturing a sense of guilt and forgetting that “in whatever our hearts condemn, God is greater than our hearts” (1 Jn 3:20). Let us lift up our eyes toward the stars (remember Abraham and the promise of many descendants), knowing how to cast every worry onto God.

Most High glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart.
Grant me an upright faith,
secure hope and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding and knowledge
that I may fulfill your command.
Amen.

(Prayer of Saint Francis
before the Crucifix of San Damiano)



Wonder and Gratitude

Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

There is no neutrality regarding the Cross.

We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against Him. A choice is made before every action, for the actions of a Christian are none other than the testimony of how “God loves us so much that he gave His only Son, Jesus.”

We adore you,
Lord Jesus Christ,
here, and in
all your churches
throughout the
whole world,
and we bless you,
for by your holy cross
You have
redeemed the world.

~ Saint Francis of Assisi