

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM
Tuesday: 9 AM
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM
Thursday: 9 AM
Friday: 9 AM

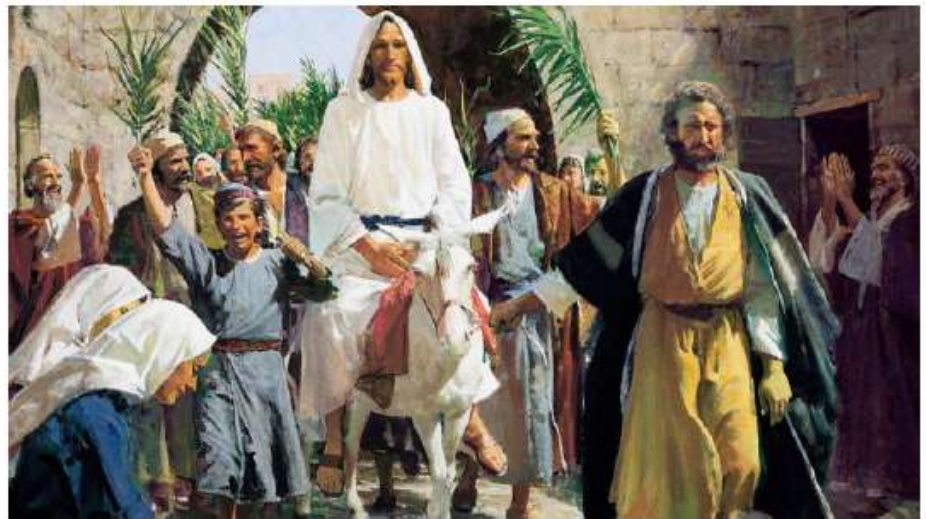
Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 12 NOON

1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM
Saturday: 4—4:45 PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:40 AM
or by appointment

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



"Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." Matthew 21:5

Mission Statement:

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is a Christian community in the Catholic tradition following the direction of the Holy Spirit in building the kingdom of God and the church in Hedgesville and beyond. Through Word, Worship, Ministry, and Service we celebrate our common faith given in baptism. Grateful for our faith, we seek to grow in love toward all. "It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples."
—John 13:35

REFLECTION

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Welcome! Today is Palm Sunday, or the Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. On this day we journey with Jesus from the joyous entry into Jerusalem to the solemnity of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

“The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.”

A story is told of a wealthy and good-hearted woman. She loved her husband, Abanda, dearly. Abanda had not developed the habit of checking and/or reflecting on his words before he said them. His tongue was sharp, quick, and, in the words of Isaiah, untrained.

One afternoon, his friend, Monday, approached him looking absolutely drained. He was in dire need of some financial assistance. He had rushed his wife to the hospital, and they needed to do emergency surgery on her to save her life. But before the surgery, Monday had to make a down payment of 200,000 francs CFA (equivalent of \$170.00). He knew that the only person in the village who could help him was his friend, Abanda. Monday sat down in Abanda’s home with his face buried in his hands, and said, “I just don’t know where I can get 200,000 francs CFA now to help save the life of my wife. I withdrew all the money I had in my account last month to complete my children’s tuition. If you don’t help me, then I don’t know who else would.”

A person with a “trained tongue” would have at least listened to the weariness in Monday’s voice, taken a moment to reflect on the response, and made sure that what he says brings comfort to his friend’s broken heart. Instead, Abanda’s untrained tongue went to work. Before Monday finished speaking, Abanda rushed in, “Oh, that’s nothing. When we were to have our first child, I decided to take my wife to the most renowned hospital in the country. And you know, the bill was almost three million francs CFA (\$5000.00). I had to postpone buying some more supplies for my shop to make the cash available. You just need to be organized, and you will avoid such a situation in the future. But you know who you should talk to?” Abanda added, “I think you should go talk with your bank manager and take out a loan. You have been with this bank for so many years, and you have a good record of paying back your loans; they won’t refuse a loan of just 200,000 francs CFA.”

At this point, Monday felt more desperate, frustrated, and lonely than when he arrived at his friend’s house. He left without making an excuse. Instead of sustaining the weary, Abanda dismissed the emotional weight of the situation.

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Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah presents the third major Song of the Servant of Yahweh. The setting

is the time of the Exile in Babylon. The exiles are discouraged. It is to these ‘wearyed’ people that Isaiah is sent to offer consolation. The plight of the exiled in Babylon spurs them to yearn for a Messiah. That Messiah – Jesus, despite His suffering, will speak words of encouragement to his disciples before his passion and to the women who sympathize with him on the way to Calvary.

God always provides His servants with the words they need to speak, especially for those who need encouragement. Like Abanda in our story, our words often make the weary feel worse. We often lack the seasoned word that brings healing.

This week, allow God to instruct you and give you the words of comfort that He wants to speak to that weary person in front of you.

Fr Boh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chrism Mass: This is a special liturgy during which the bishop blesses the holy oils that will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick in our parish for the coming year. Priests also renew their commitment to priestly service at this Mass. It is a beautiful demonstration of our unity in Christ and a powerful way to begin Holy Week.

Monday, March 30, 2026: Divine Mercy Co-Cathedral, Charleston, WV, at 4 PM

Tuesday, March 31, 2026: St Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, WV, at 4 PM

Father Boh will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, on Tuesday, March 31st. As a result, the daily Mass on Tuesday will be celebrated at 8:30 AM. Please keep Father and all the priests of our Diocese in your prayers as they renew their priestly promises.

You are invited to journey with us through Holy Week:

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 9 AM; Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7 PM; Solemn adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; immediately following Mass until 12 midnight

Night Prayer: 9:30 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 9 AM; Stations of the Cross: 9:30 AM; Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 6 PM

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 3/22

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| General Fund | \$ 4583.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 2167.60 |
| Maintenance..... | \$ 575.00 |
| Local Outreach | \$ 159.39 |

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—125 9 AM—214 11 AM—129

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 9 AM; Easter Vigil: 8 PM

Marriage Banns:

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Joel Riggs and Danielle Anderson, Brian Foley and Tera Powell, James Dymczynski and Lelia Wyne, and Brandon Ray and Leticia Romero, all of this parish. If any of you know of any just cause or impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bound in conscience to make it known to the pastor. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Welcome our Newest Members! On Easter Vigil, our parish family will welcome with joy 11 individuals who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. They have been preparing for this journey for many months, and we are blessed to have them join our community. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Cliff Cobern, Grayson Cobern, Chloe Foubi, Darel Foubi, Marc Foubi, Austin Hamilton, Madeleine Njanjo Nseudi, Daniel Njanjo Nseudi, Mikayla Shockley, Kapree Solloso, and Kruz Solloso. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they take this final step toward the altar.

Holy Father's intention for April 2026 for priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

New Office Project: Work on the new office space and adoration chapel will begin the week of 3/30. Sidewalk to the Religious Ed building may be blocked for short periods and caution tape will be installed to warn you. Please observe caution tape directions regarding access. If access to the main door of the Religious Ed Building is blocked, please go around the north side of the Stonehouse and use the back door of Religious Ed Building for access. Thanks

🕯️ April Birthdays 🕯️ Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in April. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

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| Jonathon Center | Joshua Welsh | Tara Cumley | Sara Lettal |
| Mary Jane Drummond | Burrie Chi | Lisa Keller | Tommy Todas |
| Jennifer Fretz | Lena Miller | Rachel Popelka | Laura Beutler |
| Isabella Blackshear | Robert Folk | Mary MacKinnon | Sarah Beutler |
| David Cumley | Ezekiel Rivera | Nancy Landreville | Prenam Kao |
| Maria Domich | Grace McCoy | James Wynkoop | Laura Rihn |
| Michael Kesecker | David Pelletier | Reid Boswell | Ryker Swisher |
| Katherine MacKinnon | Alexander Robertson | Lucia Crotti | John Wakelin |
| Carolyn Farabaugh | Ivo Zamora | Sophia Britner | Jerome Zalek |
| Sophia Maria Heredia | Olivia Gould | Grayson Cobern | Marianne Kusmitch |
| Katherine Swann | Gene Podeszwa | Michael Sheehan | |
| Kurtis Struemke | Samson Bland | David Symuleski | |
| Eamonn MacKinnon | Arnold Burghgraef III | Melissa Spare | |

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Hank Chase, Jackie Crouse, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, James Wynkoop, Carol Bogacz, Lynn Fitzharris, Fr. Ansgar, Marianne Henterly, Thomas Mackesy, Florence Dellasanta, Isabella Horning, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato, Chuck Kinn, Maureen Sabol

Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in your thoughts and prayers.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday

8:15—8:40 AM Confession

9 AM Mass

Intention for Eric Colliflower (L)

11 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 31st

8:30 AM Mass

Intention for Kurtis Struemke (L)

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, April 1st

9 AM CANCELED

Intention for Nathan Fox (L)

4—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Daily Mass

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

9 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Intention for Herbert Boh (L)

Adoration following Mass until

12 midnight

9:30 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 3rd

Office Closed

9 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:30 AM Stations of the Cross

6 PM Celebration of the

Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4th

9 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)

8 PM Easter Vigil

Intention for the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, April 5th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Gilbert Nelson, Jr. (+)

11 AM Mass

Intention for Nestorine Boh (+)

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session before the Baptism can be scheduled. To register for the Preparation Class, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be held Wednesday evening from 5:00—5:45 PM, Saturday 4—4:45 PM, and Sunday 8:15—8:45 AM. Confession is also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Order of Christian Initiation: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Bernadette Catholic Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least six months notice is required. No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a Parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and Communally as scheduled.

Parish Membership: We give a heartfelt welcome to all new people moving into our Parish. You can get a registration form from the Parish Office or you can register on our website at www.stbernadettewv.org. Those who plan to move from our Parish Community are asked to inform us.

St. Bernadette Pastoral Council: Pat Winkelman, Chairperson; Cindy Lathwell, Secretary; Members: Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Kevin Ferrell, and Carol Bogacz

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttman, Neil Shanholtzer, Jeff Ferrell, and Freddy Gibb

Ministries: If you are interested in training for any of the following ministries: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, or Usher, please contact the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits: Because of the HIPPA regulations, we are not notified when someone from our Parish is in the hospital. If you want a Priest to visit you, please contact the Parish Office yourself, have a close family member contact us, or ask someone at the hospital to contact us. Friends and neighbors do not make the decision for a Priest to visit the sick. It must be at the request of the family. If you are local, we can make the visit. If you are in Winchester, please let the hospital know that you want a priest or contact the local parish.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 30—Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday 31—Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 1—Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday 2—Holy Thursday; Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday 3—Good Friday; Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday 4—Holy Saturday; (1) Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104; (2) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16; (3) Ex 14:15-15:1; (Ps) Ex 15; (4) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30; (5) Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12; (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19; (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42; (8) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118

Sunday 5—The Resurrection of the Lord; Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CARING FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.