

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

Saturday: 5 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM

Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM

Thursday—Friday: 9 AM

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

1st Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM
Saturday: 4—4:45PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

November 13, 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple



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

Our readings for this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Church Year C sound loud alarms that all of us, Christians, ought to and should heed. The alarm from the first reading is a warning to “the proud and evildoers” to change their ways for the day is coming when they “will be stubble” and will be set on fire in damnation. The second reading sounds alarm bells against those of us who lead a disorderly life or who think we can cheat our way through life. The gospel message is another alarm bell, warning all of us against being deceived by false prophets. The question we can ask is: who are these false prophets?

In response to that question, we generally tend to point a finger at someone else. We see others as false prophets. We feel confident we are not false prophets. The other question is: are we sure we are not false prophets? Are we not false prophets when we deceive ourselves? If we are honest, we would recognize that we deceive ourselves about how good we are and about how holy and deserving of Heaven we are. When the Prophet Malachi talks of the proud in our first reading, he is really talking about us. When he talks of the evildoers, he is talking about us. We are also the ones that Saint Paul is warning in our second reading against seeking to cheat our way through life.

As both the church year and the calendar year draws to an end, today’s responsorial psalm continues with the theme of reassurance about life everlasting that we have seen in the readings of the last three weeks. Even if a year ends or this world comes to an end; even if we die, God is coming to rule the world with justice and equity. Our primary concern should be ‘will I make heaven?’ In the second reading, Saint Paul writing to the Thessalonians tells us how we can win that Heavenly reward. Like him, we must be committed to the work which God has entrusted to us. We are to work hard and to try hard not to cheat our way through life. Saint Paul invites us to desist from acting in disorderly ways. Instead, we are to “present ourselves as a model” for others. We are to “keep busy”, doing the work of the Lord’s Kingdom, instead of “minding the business of others”. If we do these things... if we do our work as Christians in this world, then we can eat of the Heavenly food of redemption when “the Lord comes to rule the earth with justice”. King David in the Psalm paints the beauty of God’s reign using the imagery of rivers clapping their hands and the mountains shouting, “with them for joy... to the King, the Lord”. Beloved in Christ, the images painted by our readings today are not meant to frighten us but to make us conscious of how we live our lives. The virtuous will come out leaping like fattened calves, says prophet Malachi, while Jesus assures us that not a hair on our

head will perish because God cares for and loves us. So, do not allow the hardships of your life; the earthquakes, or wars, or insurrections terrify you. Do not be terrified if nations fight each other; if famines and plagues break out. Do not be terrified if you are persecuted; thrown in prison; or if your father, mother, relatives, brothers, and sisters betray you. Jesus says they may even put you to death, but your perseverance “will secure your lives”. This is an assurance of real life, life eternal, for those who remain faithful to Jesus. May God grant us the grace to never lose the divine life Jesus has offered to share with us. Amen.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Welcome to Saint Bernadette for this thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. I extend a very special welcome to anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Thank you for coming. Please, come again. Know that you are always welcomed here at St. Bernadette. If you want to register as a member of St. Bernadette, please see one of our ushers or call the parish office during office hours.

Prayer for Ukraine ends next Sunday: This prayer shall be recited in our parish for last next Sunday November 20th. This doesn’t stop us as individuals or families to continue praying for peace in Ukraine and other parts of the world that have been torn apart by war.

Thanksgiving Holiday Food Basket: Dear parishioners of Saint Bernadette, you are invited to bring the food and drink you will share with family and friends for a special blessing to the 9 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2022.



Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a Mass offered for a deceased or living family member, or for a special intention, you may contact the parish office, 304-754-7830, to request a date and time of Mass. A minimum offering of \$10.00 for the Mass is appropriate.

I wish you a joyous Sunday.



Rite of Acceptance: Last Sunday six of our sisters and brothers Isabella Marie Valadez Blackshear, Condoleeza Beri Mbuwir, Barbara Ann Lepley, Laurence Kigani Kao and Andrew Michael Britner took a major step in their preparation for full initiation into the Catholic faith when they went through the Rite of Acceptance during the 9 am. It was a beautiful and inspiring ceremony conducted by Fr Aloysius Boh, the parish Administrator.



The candidates, catechumens, their sponsors, Theresa Highlands, the RCIA director, and Fr. Boh pose for a picture with a celebration cake.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Walter Shenk
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 15th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Kenneth Burner
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart
 6 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for
 5—5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 17th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Laura Samford

Friday, November 18th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Atsuko Sullivan
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 19th

9—10:30 AM RCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for

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**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
 GIVING SUMMARY**

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	3999.00
Online Giving.....	\$	939.14
Capital Improvements	\$	1045.00
All Soul's Day.....	\$	265.00
Diocesan.....	\$	520.00
Outreach.....	\$	315.00

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

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Ernie Montano, Monica Straley, Joe Schlegel, Vicki Lowery, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning

Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in your thoughts and prayers. You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and must have regular attendance at Sunday Mass for at least six months and are required to attend a Preparation Class 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 5:20—5:50 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), begins in August and ends during the Easter Vigil. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, 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: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, Neil Shanholtzer, and Jeff Ferrell

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 14th—Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 15th—Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 16th—Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 17th—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious; Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 18th—Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 19th—Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday 20th—The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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.