

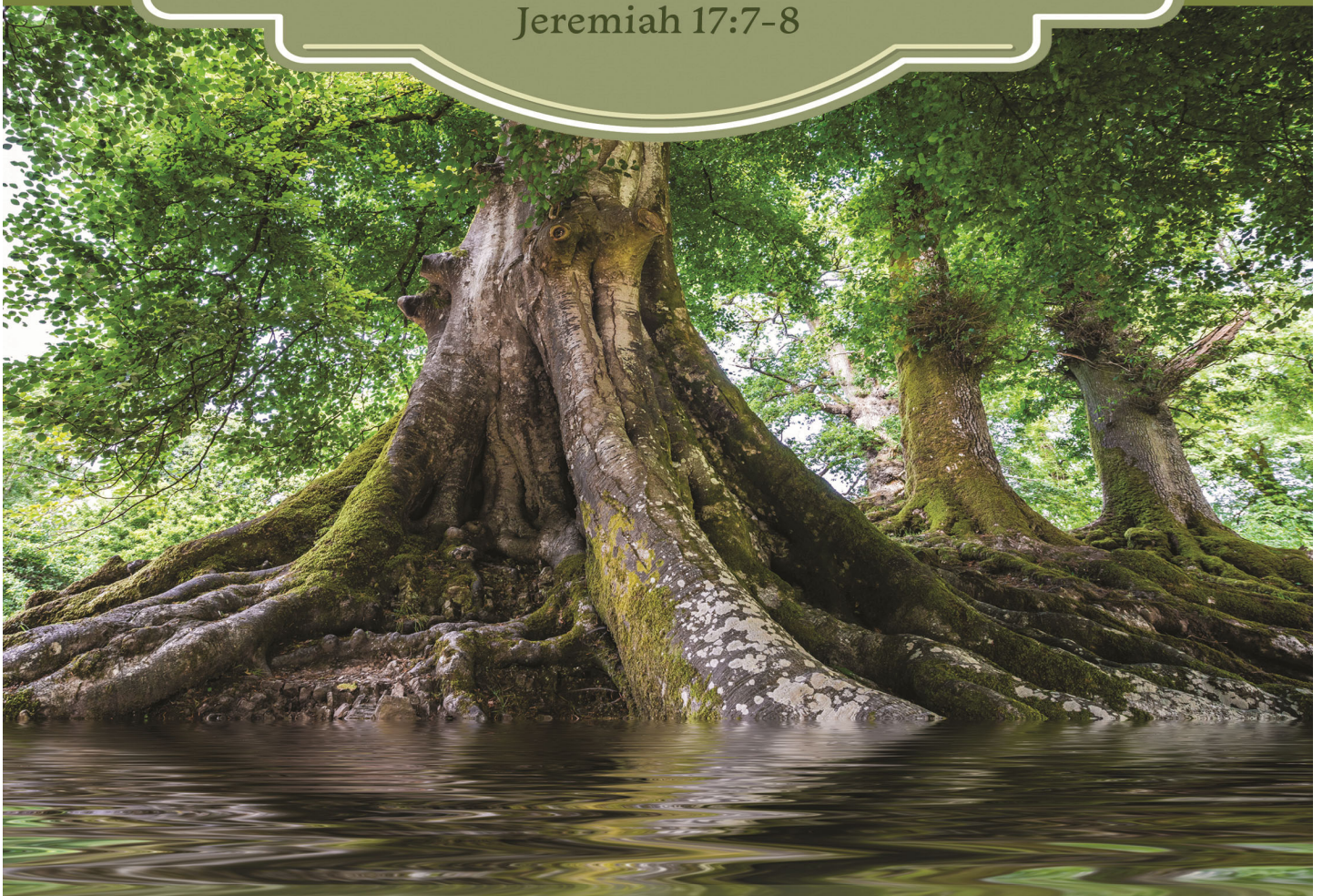
Saint Bernadette Parish

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*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is in the Lord.*

*He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

Prayer Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 12

5:00 PM † Patricia Lefevre, *By the Family*

Sunday, February 13

9:00 AM † Greg Polanski, *By the Breyfogle Family*

11:00 AM For our Parish Community

Monday, February 14

8:30 AM † Charlie Birri, *By Judi Winning*

Tuesday, February 15

8:30 AM For our Country

Wednesday, February 16

8:30 AM For our Parish Community

Thursday, February 17

8:30 AM † Peter MacDonald, *By Judi Winning*

Friday, February 18

8:30 AM For our Priests

Saturday, February 19

5:00 PM † Vincent Harpin, *By the Pacific Family*

Sunday, February 20

9:00 AM † Mary Polanski, *By the Breyfogle Family*

† Laura Breyfogle, *By the Breyfogle Family*

11:00 AM † Louise Asselin, *By Dot Rahn*

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

SUNDAY Luke 6:17, 20-26

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY Mark 8:11-13

Saint Cyril, Monk

Saint Methodius, Bishop

TUESDAY Mark 8:14-21

Weekday

WEDNESDAY Mark 8:22-26

Weekday

THURSDAY Mark 8:27-33

Weekday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

FRIDAY Mark 8:34-9:1

Weekday

SATURDAY Mark 9:2-13

Weekday

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,...
exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...
on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

A Message from our Pastor:

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

Hope is the theme of our first reading today and that of the responsorial Psalm, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." Hope is a wonderful virtue given to us by God to aid us in life. A virtue is like a force within us to do good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says "a virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions." The virtue of Hope directs us to place "our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit."

Jeremiah the Prophet and the writer of today's Psalm lived during times of adversity, struggle, and a loss of faith on the part of some people. It is true of today as well. But, like those faithful believers who lived in times past, we too live in hope. We believe and proclaim hope in the power of good over evil. Hope dispels the darkness of despair. Hope enlightens hearts and minds with divine love and grace. The Prophet Jeremiah says "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

St. Augustine taught that evil does not have existence on its own. It is really an absence of something: it is the absence of good, of hope, of love. The way to overcome evil is by living in hope of Jesus Christ, doing loving acts. Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer. The Church teaches that the best prayer to nourish hope is the Our Father, "the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire."

St. Theresa of Avila prayed: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end."

Our faith instructs and encourages, "Hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every person. It is the virtue that keeps us from discouragement and sustains us during difficult times," opening our hearts to Him in whom we hope and trust.

Fr. Ron



Join us for the 30th Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette

February 10 - 18

7:00 PM each evening *

** Mass with Bishop McManus
at 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 12th.*

Thursday, February 10 ~ Rev. Alfredo R. Porras

Friday, February 11 ~ Rev. Jose F. Carvajal

Saturday, February 12 ~ 5:00 PM Mass *

Most Rev. Robert J. McManus

Sunday, February 13 ~ Rev. Carlos F. Ardila

Monday, February 14 ~ Rev. Lucas M. LaRoche

Tuesday, February 15 ~ Rev. Hugo A. Cano

Wednesday, February 16 ~ Rev. John L. LaRochelle

Thursday, February 17 ~ Rev. Alan J. Martineau

Friday, February 18 ~ Rev. Ronald G. Falco

(Closing Mass with procession of Roses)

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette Final night ~ Procession of Roses

Join us Friday Evening,
February 18th at 7:00 PM for the
final evening of our Novena!

Mass will be celebrated
with the procession of
yellow roses in thanksgiving
for our answer to prayers.



*Roses will be available prior to Mass.
a donation of \$3 per rose is appreciated*



30th Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette

Nine days of grace! Our 30th Anniversary year! Our parish novena to our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette continues with fervent faith this week. We are reminded that Our Lady's apparitions around the world are to simple, ordinary people, most often children, who the world would hold in no special esteem. However, they are esteemed by God. And we, who believe, share in this divine love of God.

Nine continuous days of prayer to God, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and our parish patron saint, St. Bernadette, cannot but bring our hearts and souls comfort, consolation, and peace. During the novena our Bishop and many priests come to preach the word of God to us. God's desire for us is our salvation. His Word is our strength; His Body and Blood, our holy union with him. In the presence of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, with prayers of petition and hope, we celebrate the presence of God in the midst of his people. The celebration of the Eucharist, Mass, on Friday Evening, with the procession of the roses of thanksgiving, will close to our novena.

One of my favorite hymns to our Blessed Mother is Immaculate Mary. I especially like the verse that says, "we pray for our mother, the Church upon earth, and bless, holy Mary, the land of our birth." Every person who sings this hymn, no matter where they are from, asks the Virgin Mother to bless their country and the land of their birth. United in faith the world over, we Catholics seek then the intercession of Mary for the Lord's blessing of earth. And may it be so that Mary hears our request, our prayers, not only for ourselves, but for all peoples. "Mary, never was it known that any one who fled to your protection or sought your intercession, was left unaided...Mary, pray for us, who have recourse to thee."

Fr. Ron

Offertory Collection

Offertory January 29 - February 4, 2022: \$3,668.20

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, The Lord's Day Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekdays at 8:30 AM ~ Holy Days at 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Confession: Saturdays at 4:15 PM

Religious Education News

Class Schedule for February:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

February 13 & 27 - 10:15 AM-11:15 AM in Atrium

Grade 1

February 13 & 27 - 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM in School Bldg

Grades 3 - 8

February 13 & 27 - 10:15 AM - 1:45 AM in School Bldg

Grades 9 - 10

February 13 & 27 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in School Bldg

Confirmation

February 13 - Session 7 - 6:00-8:00 PM in Parish Center

February 27 - Session 8 - 6:00-8:00 PM in Parish Center

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