



St. Bernard Catholic Church

(Established in 1787)

DAILY MASSES

Monday—Friday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

2805 Bayou Road
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St. Joseph Adoration Chapel:
Thursday



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Christian Burial: Please contact the funeral home to make arrangements they will contact church and cemetery.

Pastoral & Finance Meeting - Pastoral Council meetings will be announced.

Mass Intentions Saturday, October 6, 2018**Rosary 3:30 p.m.**

4:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. Bernard Catholic Church; Bernard & Chase Naquin; Duke Collins; Donald Serpas, Sr.; Cecile Serpas; Alfred Whitney; Tim George; Timothy George; Sal Gagliano; Gloria Leon; Jack & Jake LaFond; Ruffino Guerra; Scotty Lopez; Beth Byrd Ruiz; Charles, Cornelia & Lori Robertson; Fr John; Dewey Joseph Bordelon; Louise Brulte; Louise Evans; and all on our Sick List especially Kerry Robertson, Lonny Becnel and Ryan Peltier

Sunday, October 7, 2018**Rosary 9:30 a.m.**

10:00 a.m. Charles L. Smith; Gauthé Family; Agnes & Wallace Serpas; Jerry Wheat; HJ Lind; Josephine & Reese Nunez; Mike, Rosie & André Colletti; Marvin Acosta; Dickie Stander; Merle King; Louise M. Alphonso; Catherine Feraci; Larry Gonzales, Jr.; Raymond Serpas; Jack Alphonso, Sr.; Freddie Landry; Steven Berger; Vernon Alfonso; Ford Morales; Patricia Assevado; Lionel Serigne, Sr.; Jason Steele; Joy Luscy; Marian Serigne, Veronica Serigne; Loretta Molero; Donald & Janette Evans; Alma Morales Nuss; Vivian Deffes Springer; Ethel "Tookie" Rano; Evelyn & Adam Gonzales; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Freire; Juan Montelongo; Edna Robin Lucas; Chrissy Maltese; Walter Guidry; The weak and poor, candlemakers and dogs; Health of Sidney Evans, Jr. and Samantha; and all Military Personnel & Families

DAILY—Rosary 8 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m.:

Monday

For Our Youth

Tuesday

All Sick & Dying

Wednesday

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday

All Parishioners

Friday

Deceased Priests

Saturday (only First Saturday)

No Mass

**Readings
For
The
Week**

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Ministry Schedule**For Next Week:****Saturday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Mary Frances

Ministers of Communion:
Dwight**Sunday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Pat

Ministers of Communion:
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Marian Serigne**St. Joseph Candle**
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September 29—30, 2018**Attendance: 107****Collection: \$1,154.75***Thank you for your support*

Gospel - Mark 10:17-30

This week we conclude our study of Jesus' second instruction on Christology and discipleship. Last week we heard His teaching on marriage and divorce, and also of His blessing of the children. We now hear Jesus' teaching about riches. This teaching consists of three units on wealth and the kingdom:

- 1) The story of the rich man.
- 2) Jesus' instruction to His disciples.
- 3) His teaching about rewards for giving up riches.

We will hear all three.

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up,

Only at the end of this story (verse 20) do we learn that the man is wealthy. The parallel gospel story (Matthew 19:16-22) tells us the man was young.

knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher,
A rarely used form of address for a rabbi. Acknowledges
Him as a teacher of the spiritual life.

what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

The kingdom of God

18 Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?

Jesus is not rejecting the praise He has been offered, He wants to show the depth of this man's words: He is good, not because He is a good man, but because He is God, who is goodness itself. The man has spoken the truth but he hasn't gone far enough.

No one is good but God alone.

See Psalm 118:1-4; 1 Chronicles 16:34; 2 Chronicles 5:13; Ezra 3:11; Romans 7:18.

19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.'"

Jesus then recites the second part of the Decalogue (the ten commandments); the part that deals with our relationships with each other (Exodus 20:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:16-21). "You shall not defraud" could be a restatement of "you shall not steal," or it could be a reference to the 9th and 10th commandments which deal with coveting. If it is the latter case, He has addressed all seven commandments that are to govern our human relationships.

Jesus did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). The commandments are the very core of the Law and keeping them is necessary for attaining eternal life. Christ brings these commandments to fulfillment in a double sense. First, He helps us to discover their full implications for our lives. Second, His grace gives us strength to counter our evil inclinations, which stem from original sin. The best commentary on this passage is Matthew 19:17b "*If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments*" and Matthew 5:20 "*I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven*".

20 He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him

This love is based on the man's genuine efforts and success at observing the commandments (verse 20).

and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing.

You are not far from God's kingdom (see Mark 12:34 where Jesus praises the scribe).

Go, sell what you have, and give to (the) poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

In Judaism wealth was often taken as a sign of divine favor and there was an obligation to give alms to the poor. What makes this man's case so hard is that he is to forego even the privilege of almsgiving for the sake of sharing in Jesus' lifestyle of total dependence on God while proclaiming the coming of His kingdom. Jesus knows that this man has a generous heart. God calls everyone to holiness, but holiness is reached by different routes. It is up to every individual to take the necessary steps to discover which route God wants him to follow. It is not an absolute commandment for all to give everything away, but we are not to place obstacles in the way.

22 At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

These possessions were probably property ownership with the financial benefits which result. This points out the difficult choice which must be made by all – whether to cast aside the impediments, whatever they may be, and follow Jesus or not. The rich man asked the question, but Jesus' answer was too hard for him.

"But the young man went away sad, so anyone can see how far he kept those commandments of the law. I think he spoke with more pride than truth when he answered that he had kept them" [Saint Augustine of Hippo (ca. A.D. 417), *Letter to Hilarius* (No. 157)].

"He did not follow. He just wanted a good teacher, but he questioned who the teacher was, and scorned the identity of the One who was teaching. 'He went away sad,' bound up in his desires. 'He went away sad,' carrying a great burden of possessiveness upon his shoulders" [Saint Augustine of Hippo (ca. A.D. 416), *Homilies on the Gospel of John* 34,8].

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

Again, the private instruction for the disciples

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

If the rich see their wealth as a reward from God, they have erected a barrier to full participation in God's plan. In themselves material things are good; they are resources God has made available to people for their development in society. But, excessive attachment to things is what makes them an occasion to sin. The sin lies in "trusting" in them, as if they will solve all life's problems, and turning one's back on God. St. Paul calls covetousness, idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Christ excludes from the kingdom of heaven anyone who becomes so attached to riches that his life is geared around them. Or, more accurately, that person excludes himself.

24 The disciples were amazed at his words.

They are astonished. From childhood they have been taught that riches are a reward and Jesus has just told them they can become an impediment.

So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to pass through (the) eye of (a) needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Tradition points to a literal interpretation rather than conjecture about a narrow gate in the city wall. There is a similar rabbinic proverb mentioning an elephant.

26 They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?"

Since nearly everyone has an inclination to be attached to material things, the disciples now see salvation as an impossible goal. No one can be saved if we rely on human resources. God's grace makes everything possible. When we pray the Our Father we ask for our daily bread – not just a meal, but a Eucharistic meal which makes us part of God's covenant family and gives us His grace.

"The rich man 'went away sad,' as you have heard, and the Lord says: 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' At length the disciples became very sad when they heard this and they said: 'If this is so, who then can be saved?' Rich and poor, listen to Christ: I am speaking to God's people. Most of you are poor, but you too must listen carefully to understand. And you had best listen even more intently if you glory in your poverty. Beware of pride, lest the humble rich surpass you. Beware of wickedness, lest the pious rich confound you. Beware of drunkenness, lest the sober excel you" [Saint Caesar of Arles (ca. A.D. 542), *Sermons* 153(2)].

27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
Jesus quotes Genesis 18:14 which recalls God's power to fulfill His promise to Abraham (see also Luke 1:3).

28 Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you."

Peter, as spokesman for all the disciples points out that they have done what the rich man couldn't. Behind this statement is the question: "What is the reward for accepting the challenge of discipleship?"

29 Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you,

Here, Jesus answers the underlying question.

there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel 30 who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands,

Anyone who leaves behind his possessions will receive great rewards in this life.

with persecutions,

Opposition is part of the reward for giving things up out of love for Jesus. A Christian's glory lies in becoming like the Son of God, sharing in His Cross so later we can share in His Glory (Romans 8:17b "*if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him*") (2 Timothy 3:12 "*all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*").

and eternal life in the age to come.

Not only will we get rewards here on earth, we will gain our inheritance as children of God (Romans 8:17a "*and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ*").

Pumpkin Patch

Starts: October 15, 2018

Ends: October 30, 2018

All Hallows' Eve Mass

In the Cemetery

6:00 p.m.

All Saints' Day Mass

In the Cemetery

10:00 a.m.

**Blessing of the graves
Following the Mass.**

Saint John XXIII

Saint of the Day for October 11

(November 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963)

Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his “ordinariness” seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo’s diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop’s secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany’s ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome’s cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the “prophets of doom” who “in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin.” Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, “The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity.”

On his deathbed, Pope John said: “It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead.”

“Good Pope John” died on June 3, 1963. Saint John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Reflection

Throughout his life, Angelo Roncalli cooperated with God’s grace, believing that the job at hand was worthy of his best efforts. His sense of God’s providence made him the ideal person to promote a new dialogue with Protestant and Orthodox Christians, as well as with Jews and Muslims. In the sometimes noisy crypt of St. Peter’s Basilica, many people become silent on seeing the simple tomb of Pope John XXIII, grateful for the gift of his life and holiness. After his beatification, his tomb was moved into the basilica itself.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

“Because Mary is our mother, devotion to her teaches us to be authentic sons: to love truly, without limit; to be simple, without the complications which come from selfishly thinking only about ourselves; to be happy, knowing that nothing can destroy our hope. ‘The beginning of the way, at the end of which you will find yourself completely carried away by love for Jesus, is a trusting love for Mary.’ I wrote that many years ago, in the introduction to a short book on the rosary, and since then I have often experienced the truth of those words. I am not going to complete that thought here with all sorts of reasons. I invite you to discover it for yourself, showing your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus.”

St. Josemaria Escriva

Christ is Passing By, no. 143

Inspired by St. Josemaria’s devotion to Mary, following are six ways to pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honor the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to her:

Pray the rosary daily privately or with friends and family.

“Develop a lively devotion for Our Mother. She knows how to respond in a most sensitive way to the presents we give her. What is more, if you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son’s path.” (*Furrow*, no. 691)

Pray the rosary during the day—try not to postpone it until the end of the day or bedtime.

“You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. —If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God.” (*Furrow*, no. 478)

If possible, use a book like “Holy Rosary” or an audio recording of the Rosary to help you enter more deeply into each mystery.

“—Have you... ever contemplated these mysteries? (...) Come with me and —this is the essence of what I have to confide— we will live the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Each day we will render them a new service. We will hear their family conversations. We will see the Messiah grow up. We will admire His thirty years of hidden life... We will be present at His Passion and Death... We will be awed by the Glory of His Resurrection... In a word: we will contemplate, carried away with Love (the only real love is Love), each and every instant of Christ Jesus.” (*Holy Rosary*, Author’s Note)

When praying the family rosary, especially with young children, use a booklet or app that shows an image for each mystery of the rosary.

When you see an image of our Lady, at home, on the street, in Church, direct a glance at it and send her an affectionate interior prayer or greeting.

This was a practice St. Josemaria Escriva started from a young age and that he inspired in others throughout his life: <http://www.josemariaescriva.info/article/saint-josemaria92s-devotion-to-our-lady>

Make a pilgrimage to a nearby church or shrine that has a special statue or painting of Mary.

St. Josemaria Escriva believed that a “local pilgrimage” with a small group of friends or family is a good way to honor the Blessed Virgin and to help us to be more devoted to her. Traditionally, a “local pilgrimage” includes, if possible, walking to and from the shrine or walking part of the way to and from the shrine; reciting five mysteries of the rosary on the way; praying another five mysteries of the rosary at the shrine; and praying another five mysteries of the rosary on the way back.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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PSR News

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October 22nd any student who wants a hayride
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The Deanery Adoration Chapel located at OLPS invites you to come spend a little time with the Lord in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a few minutes or consider becoming a “**committed adorer**” for a particular hour. OLPS 8 am to 8 pm Monday-Friday. If anyone would like to be on the committee at OLPS please contact them. OLPS is need of adorers if you can commit please call them. Our Lady of Lourdes has Adoration on the first Wednesday of the month. St. Bernard has Adoration on Thursday. Please consider spending an hour with the Lord.

“Go sell what you have, and give to the poor . . . the come follow me.”

The rich young man who asked Jesus “Good Teacher, what *must* I do to inherit eternal life?” was probably a good person by the standards of his day. He claimed to have kept all the commandments from his youth. But he was looking for the very *minimum* that he could get by with. In today’s jargon he was a “minimalist.” The young man had many possessions. When Jesus told him to sell what he had and give to the poor, he probably thought Jesus was being extreme and walked away sad. Jesus did not rush after him to offer him an easier way. Jesus actually told him the *minimum* that he, and we, *must* do to gain eternal life. When we recognize and accept that all we have, all we are, all we ever will be comes from God and belongs to God, at the very *minimum* we *must* acknowledge that we have *nothing* of our own to sell, but much of what belongs to God to enjoy and share with others. As Catholics we do that by giving of our talents, abilities and gifts, including time and resources, to and through our parish community.

Please Pray for Our Sick

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