

St. Bernard Catholic Church

(Established in 1787)

DAILY MASSES

Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m.
 Mass
First Saturday 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.



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St. Joseph Adoration Chapel:
Thursday

MISSION STATEMENT



In the total love for Jesus through the Heart of Mary,
We St. Bernard Catholic Church commit to
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Baptism: Parents are asked to call the office. Baptisms will be held the 3rd weekend of the month or by special arrangement.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are held before each Mass, or call for an appointment.

Communion of the Sick: Please call when someone is ill or in the hospital.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples must contact the church at least six (6) months before the date of the wedding.

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, December 29, 2018**Rosary 3:30 p.m.****4:00 p.m.** All Parishioners of St. Bernard Catholic Church; Bernard &

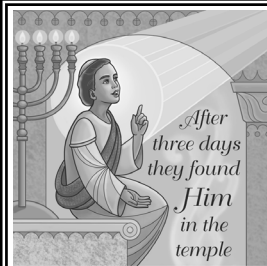
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Sunday, December 30, 2018**Rosary 9:30 a.m.**

10:00 a.m. Charles L. Smith; Gauthé Family; Agnes & Wallace Serpas; Jerry Wheat; HJ Lind; Josephine & Reese Nunez; Mike, Rosie & André Colletti; Dickie Stander; Merle King; Louise M. Alphonso; Catherine Feraci; Larry Gonzales, Jr.; Raymond Serpas; Jack Alphonso, Sr.; Freddie Landry; Steven & Lionel Berger; Vernon Alfonso; Patricia Assevado; Lionel Serigne, Sr.; Jason Steele; Joy Luscy; Marian Serigne; Veronica Serigne; Kathleen Muller Beaudette; Donald & Janette Evans; Alma Morales Nuss; Vivian Deffes Springer; Ethel "Tookie" Rano; Anthony Greco, Jr.; Evelyn & Adam Gonzales; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Freire; Juan Montelongo; Rudy Alfonso; Edna Robin Lucas; Walter Guidry; Thank you Sts. Joseph & Anthony; Health of Samantha and Misty Morales; 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:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Ministry Schedule**For Next Week:**

Mary, Mother of God

**Saturday, January 5, 4:00 p.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Mary Frances

Ministers of Communion:

See Schedule

Sunday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Sharon

Ministers of Communion:

See Schedule

**Sanctuary Lamp****Beth Byrd Ruiz****Marian Candle****Frs. Don, JP, & John****St. Joseph Candle****Donald Serpas, Sr.****Weekly Offering**

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Attendance:**Collection: \$****Thank you for your support**

Gospel - Luke 2:16-21

We continue our Gospel reading from where we left off at the Midnight Mass for Christmas. Jesus has been born in Bethlehem and the angel has announced the event to the shepherds.

16 So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph,

The shepherds respond eagerly to the message.

and the infant lying in the manger.

The sign the angel had given them. Recall that a manger is a feeding trough, a food box; which introduces the Eucharistic theme (sustenance of His people). The sign does not just attest the angel's truthfulness, it bears out and exemplifies the message that Jesus is Savior (verse 11) "A savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord".

17 When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

18 All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

The shepherds told others, including Mary and Joseph, about the good news, which is complimentary to that announced to Mary in Luke 1:31-33; by Mary in Luke 1:46-55; and by Zechariah in Luke 1:68-79.

19 And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Mary does not capture the full significance of God's action in Jesus immediately. Mary's journey of faith is shown in Luke 8:19-21; 11:27-29; and Acts 1:14. Mary is the model believer.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. 21 When eight days were completed for his circumcision,

The covenant with Abraham required circumcision at the age of 8 days (Genesis 17:12). Baptism now replaces circumcision (Colossians 2:11-12) and puts the mark of the covenant on the soul rather than the flesh.

he was named Jesus,

"Jesus" means "the Lord saves." This name is the Greek version of the Hebrew Yeshua (Joshua). For the Jews of Jesus' time His name alone would indicate His mission. Like Joshua (Moses' successor who led the Israelites into the promised land), Jesus will be the instrument of God's saving action among His people.

the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The name is given in Luke 1:31. According to *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, "In biblical thought a name is not a mere label of identification; it is an expression of the essential of its bearer. A man's name recalls his character ... Hence to know the name of God is to know God as He had revealed Himself."

Please look for your 2019 collection envelopes in the back if you have not picked them up yet.

Also, in the back you will find 2019 Calendars. Please only take one per family until everyone has received a calendar.

Thanks to the Chalmette Bicycle Shop for providing the calendars for us again this year.



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"This initial dispute concerning the natures of Christ gave rise to another controversy in the middle of the century. Without examining the political rivalry behind the scenes between the patriarch of Constantinople and the patriarch of Alexandria, there was a serious theological debate about whether Jesus possessed one nature as a person – the divine nature – or two distinct natures, divine and human. The resolution finally came at the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451, which brought together and balanced the legitimate beliefs about Christ from the school of Antioch and the school of Alexandria. The council declared that Jesus exists in two natures, the divine and the human, which come together "without confusion or change, without division or separation to form the one undivided person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God incarnate." Nestorius was deposed at the Council of Ephesus.

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As a result, Pope Leo excommunicated Dioscorus and with the cooperation of Theodosius II's successor, Marcian, two years later (451) the Council of Chalcedon, an ecumenical council, nullified the decrees of the robber synod and, upholding Pope Leo's position, expounded with admirable clarity the Catholic doctrine of the two natures in the one Divine Person of Christ. Pretty fast work for those days.

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Holy Days of Obligation in the 2019 Year

All the Days of Obligation observed in the United States are listed below.

ALL SUNDAYS are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass.

January 1, 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

May 30, 2019

Ascension of Jesus

August 15, 2019

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1, 2019

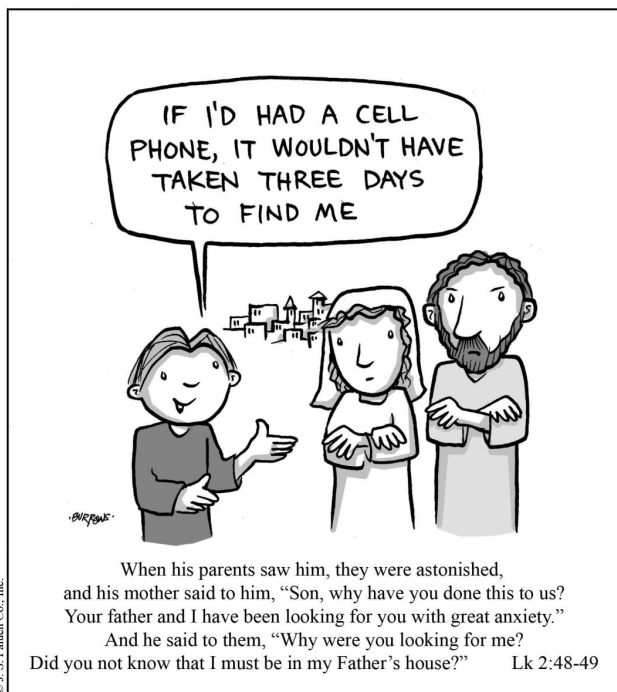
All Saints' Day

December 25, 2019

Christmas

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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New Year's Masses

New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m.
New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

**Remember the
Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
Is a Holy Day of Obligation**

ADORATION CHAPELS

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.

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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Please Pray for Our Sick

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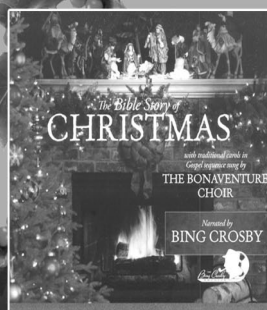
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