

# St. Bernard Catholic Church

*(Established in 1787)*

## DAILY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 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.

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel:  
Any Time

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

In the total love for Jesus through the Heart of Mary,  
We St. Bernard Catholic Church commit to  
**BE BOLD—BE CATHOLIC—BE CHRIST**  
And faithfully pass it on...Heart to Heart. I.M.

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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.**



**Saturday January 23, 2021**

**Rosary 8:00 p.m.**

**4:00 p.m.** All Parishioners of St. Bernard Catholic Church; Bernard & Chase Naquin; Duke Collins; Donald Serpas, Sr.; William Ybarzabal; Pat Cassagne; Tim George;

Timothy George; Sal Gagliano; Mary Gagliano Jack, Mazie & Jake LaFond; Sky Labat; Barbara Alfonso; Karen Smith; Donna Gonzales; Scotty Lopez; Beth Byrd Ruiz; Richie Byrd; Charles; Cornelia & Lori Robertson; Donald & Jeanette Evans; Fr John; Louis & Lucille Freire; Perry & Deann Freire Boudreaux; Adam & Evelyn Gonzales; and all on our Sick List especially Dwight Merkl

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Rosary 9:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.** Charles L. Smith; Rene Nunez; Esther Gonzales; Gauthé Family; Agnes & Wallace Serpas; Jerry Wheat; HJ & Harold Lind; Josephine & Reese Nunez; Mike, Rosie & André Colletti; Dickie Stander; Merle King; Louise M. Alphonso; Heuitt & Alice Howard; Walter & Betty Melerine; Glen & Esther Menesses; Larry Gonzales, Jr.; Raymond Serpas; Frances Evans; Adam Serigne; Walter Guidry; Kathleen Terrebbonne; Chester Romero; The Romero Family; Joyce Frichter; Rudy Alphonso; Martin & Cecile Alfonso; Jerry, Vernon & Nathan Alfonso; Alfred Nunez, Sr. & Family; Jason Steele; Myra & Lisa Montelongo; Marlene Campo; Lindy LeBouef; Albert & Lorenza Acosta; Norbert Billiot, Sr.; Lazarus "Satch" Gonzales; and all Military Personnel & Families

**DAILY—Rosary 8 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m.:**

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| Monday    | For Our Youth          |
| Tuesday   | All Sick & Dying       |
| Wednesday | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday  | All Parishioners       |

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**Ministry Schedule**

*For Next Week:*

**Saturday, January 30, 4:00 p.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Remi

Ministers of Communion:

Not at this time



**Sunday, January 31, 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Pat

Ministers of Communion:

Not at this time

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Beth Byrd Ruiz*



**Marian Candle**  
*Mrs. Leila Serpas*

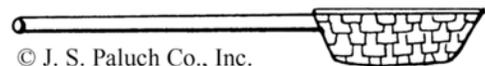


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**January 16—17, 2021**

**Attendance: 64**

**Collection: \$1,258.00**

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## **Finance Committee Report**

The Parish Finance Committee met recently with Fr. Tuong and reviewed the Parish financial report. The report shows that the Church has had an operating deficit of \$20,000 a year for at least the past two years. The report also shows that the Archdiocesan assessment of \$40,000 a year has not been paid for nearly two years. Our savings have dwindled from \$120,000 a few years ago to nearly 0 by July 1, 2021 (providing the amount due to the Archdiocese is paid in full). The Archdiocese has a policy of not lending money to Churches (such as ours) operating with a deficit.

The Finance Committee noted that we must take action now and requested that Father have a representative of the Archdiocese come and speak to the parishioners and the Finance Committee as soon as possible. The Finance Committee stated that it was exploring all options to raise additional funds for the Church. Parishioners were asked to make suggestions in writing and forward them to the Finance Committee by putting them in the collection basket at Mass. The suggestions should also include recommendations on how the Church can be more welcoming. Parishioners were asked to encourage their friends, neighbors, and family to attend Mass and become more involved in the spiritual life of the Parish.

The Committee will keep all parishioners informed. Working together, and with the grace of Jesus Christ, we will overcome this challenge.

St. Bernard Catholic Church Finance Committee

## *Saint Timothy and Saint Titus*

*Saint Paul could not do it alone so he appointed helpers*

Today's saints were two bishops from the apostolic period of the Church, the decades immediately following the death and resurrection of Christ. In this grace-filled time, the Apostles and St. Paul were carving the first deep furrows into the pagan soil they traveled, planting in the earth the seeds of Christian faith which succeeding bishops would water, tend, and harvest.

Little is certainly known about today's saints apart from references to them in the Acts of the Apostles and in the epistles of St. Paul. But these numerous references are enough. The generations of theologians, bishops, martyrs, and saints who lived in the post apostolic period give universal and consistent witness to the veracity of Paul's letters and the events they recount. There are theological, rather than historical, lessons to be taken from the lives and ministry of today's saints.

Saints Timothy and Titus were apostles of an Apostle. They shared in, and cooperated with, the ministry of St. Paul, who had a direct connection to Christ through a miraculous occurrence on the road to Damascus, a feast commemorated, not coincidentally, the day prior to today's memorial. Timothy, Titus, and many others, known and unknown, carried out on a local level a priestly ministry which Paul engaged in on a more regional level. It was St. Paul's practice, and probably that of the other surviving Apostles, to appoint assistants wherever they went who acted with the authority of the Apostle who appointed them. These assistants were variously called priests or bishops, terms that were often interchangeable. Deacons shared in the priestly ministry too, but more as assistants to bishops.

A direct connection to an Apostle, either through his direct ministry or through a group or person he appointed (presumably through an ordination rite), was fundamental to establish a church. Accredited leaders were needed. This is a constant theme in the writings of St. Paul.

No Apostle—no Church. The body could not be separated from the head and still survive. In other words, the proclamation of the gospel always—always—occurred contemporaneously with the foundation of a solidly structured local Church. The modern tendency to emphasize the internal, personal, and spiritual message of Christ over the external, public, hierarchical Church which carried his message was a dichotomy unknown to early Christianity. The Church carries a message and is itself a message. The content of the gospel and the form of the gospel community go hand in hand. The constant, amoeba like, splitting of Protestant communities attests to the inevitable divisions which result when the Church and its message are separated.

A later tradition holds that St. Timothy was the first bishop of Ephesus, in modern day Turkey. Equally ancient traditions state that St. John retreated to Ephesus before eventually dying on the island of Patmos, and that the Virgin Mary followed John to Ephesus, living in a house above the town. It is possible, then, that St. Timothy drank from the deepest wells of the Christian tradition. Sitting around the warm glow of a fire in a dark room at night, he may have heard about the life of Christ from the very lips of the most important witnesses. We can imagine that he heard much of what is not today preserved, and from the very man, Saint John, who ends his Gospel by writing that “there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.” (John 21:25.)

*Saints Timothy and Titus, through your lives dedicated to the missions, you helped lay the foundations of Christianity, and carried on the priestly ministry of Jesus by preaching, teaching, and governing His flock. Help us to be as bold now as you were then.*

## **ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH—PHASE 3**

**We are in Phase 3 and we have opened the church to all who feel safe and/or want to come. We can now have 75% occupancy. With that there are a few things to keep in mind:**

**You will be coming to a small area with a large number of people and the social distancing might not be maintained.**

**You will be coming to a small area where people may or may not be wearing masks. We will leave that up to each individual. Remember that wearing a mask does not protect you, but keeps your germs to yourself. Also by wearing the mask for a period of time you are breathing in much CO<sub>2</sub> which can cause some to pass out or have other issues.**

**You will be coming to this small church that we all love and care about to receive our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and this may take some strong faith that you will stay safe in doing so. If anyone is not comfortable attending there is no judgment it is understood.**

**We ask that if you feel bad in anyway the day before and/or the day of Mass please stay home. If you have any of the underlying conditions that will make getting sick with the virus or anything else harder on you, please stay home. Probably the majority of St. Bernard's parishioners fall into the category of being over 65 and we know some have other health issues and some do not. This is a time to use your faith to pray and listen to the Lord to make your decision along with medical advice hopefully from your physician.**

**If you do not want to be in church with a lot of people but still want to physically attend a mass, please remember we are having daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and rarely is there more than 4 people. We hope in the near future we can continue with the home visits to our shut-ins when all parties are comfortable.**

**Continue to do your best to socially distance from others, but remember it is not a guarantee it can happen in the church. Please keep this in mind when you come up to receive the Eucharist and try to give a little space. Upon receiving the Eucharist you will not hear Fr Hoang say the Body of Christ he will just make a small sign of cross with the host and place in your hand.**

**There will be no passing of the collection basket. Please drop your donation in the basket by the bulletins. For the sign of peace, please just wave or nod to others.**

# Teach me your ways, O Lord.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number. You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!"  
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## Phase 3—Continuing

**ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

## 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.

## "Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen."

Brothers, Simon and Andrew were fisherman on the deep and sometimes treacherous Sea of Galilee. They tended their nets, repaired their boats, went out on the waters day and night in hope of finding fish to fill their nets. If they were fortunate to make a catch they had to manually haul in their nets, row to shore, dock their boats, sort their catch, bring them to market, and do it all over again. It was a tough life, they were rugged people. Jesus calls them to become fishers of men. Mark tells us they abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. They probably continued fishing to earn a livelihood, but they did follow Jesus to learn from his teaching and carry on his mission. They eventually learned that fishing for men is at least as difficult and dangerous as fish, if not more so. Through Simon, called Peter, and Andrew, Jesus is calling us to be fishers of others by imitating Him and being a person for others. Are we willing to follow Jesus?

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Manuel Alfonso; Debbie Gonzales; Charles Duhe; Aiden Smith; Madeline Colletti Cimino; Gene Perez; Patricia Fincher; Donald Campo; Edna O'Rourke; Bernard Naquin, Jr.; Dorothy Easley; Devin Dimadigo; Kylie Gritter; David Naquin; Sheri Fernandez; Christina Landry; Brett Gagliano; Brendan Graf; Emile Evans; Landon Ansardi; Kayla Vogelaar; Mindy Casanova Dardar; Wilmoy & Florine Shows; Brett Bergeron; Allen Nunez; Eleanore Erato; David Casanova; Danny Morales; Riley Richards; Hyacinth Serpas; Jerrilee Odinet; Karley Draper; Hailey Martin; Lorraine Daroca; Barbara Simpson; Michael George; Joy Fernandez; Marianne Marks; Kimberly Mones; Avery Cantrelle; Rita Bauer; Sandy Thurman; Talor Gutierrez; Erica Stewart; Maggie Serigne; Valerie Wheat; Hunter Hoffmann; Christina Gardner; AJ Arnone; Evis; Michelle Matthews; Fr. Charley; Don Clark; Thelma Lee; Janey Yates; Connie St. Pierre; Tino Mones; Patrick Campo, Sr.; Michael Fernandez; SE Kreiger; Pasqual Alfonso; Henry Dietrich; Sidney Evans, Jr.; Hope Serigne; Mr. & Mrs. Caesar; Mary Barker; Bob Couch; Linda Gagliano; Rhonda Riley; Lisa and Samantha; Paul Remick; Justin Serpas; Rene Poche; Lisa Montelongo; Bobbie Schmitt; Barbara Robin; Becky Couture Riker; Linda Melerine; Stephen Lobre; Barney Koons; Romona Lucas; Paul Serigne; Taylor Tycer; Dan Assevado; Wendy Walls; Kaleah Kate Ma; Robert Oalman; Noah Campo; Arley Jaramillo; Robert Burns; Peter Peterson; Anna Morales; Elsie Smith; Philip Deogracias; Beverly Bachemin; NS; Ryan Peltier; Lonny Becnel; Kerry Robertson; Jimmy & Dolly Brien; Margie Palmeri; Misty Morales; Katie Caluda Sanpart; Carol Morales; Michele Morales; Kim Juminias; Charlotte Luna; Elba Quiles; Branden David; Ralph Ziegler; Sylvia Guillot; Ryan Guerra; Hillary Miller; Phillip Acosta; Sherrie & John Graf; Linda Barrett; Stanley Alfonso; Steve Navarre; Marie George; Frances Edwards; Michael Pizzuto; Alfred Pizzuto; Alexis Binschul; Jeff Meche; Jordan Serigne; Ms Birdie; Arnold & Earline Serigne; Carolyn Serpas; Dwight Merkl; Ella Butler; Barbara Perez; Joann Billiot, Victoria Sanders, Pat Gould, Isiah Acosta, Fr. Raymond Guillot



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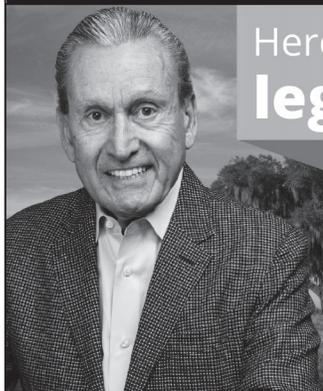
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