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## MISSION APPEAL—KABALE DIOCESE, UGANDA

The Kabale Diocese is one of 19 dioceses in Uganda , located in the SW corner of the country—about 280 miles from the capital city of Kampala. The Diocese serves a population of about 1.8 million people, and 800,000 are Roman Catholic. The vast majority of the people they serve are located in rural, underserved, and mostly remote areas of the country. Most critical among the challenges they face is healthcare. Leading causes of death in Uganda include neonatal disorders, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, lower respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, congenital defects, heart disease, stroke, road injury, malnutrition and now, sadly, COVID-19. There will be two collections this weekend. The second one for the Mission Appeal. Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors.

## THE FUNERAL REPAST

After the loss of a loved one, it is crucial to go through a grieving process. While the funeral itself is a chance to heal and bond with family members, a repast is an opportunity to reminisce about the deceased in a less formal setting. Unlike a funeral or memorial service, this is an opportunity to offer condolences on a smaller scale, without the pressure of a large event. Also known as a funeral reception or funeral ceremony, a repast is a casual affair for friends and family. A repast is any gathering after a funeral service.

Repasts are less formal than a funeral service or memorial. They are typically open to everyone who came to the funeral, though they can also be private, depending on the family. What is the purpose of a repast? They are a way to celebrate the life of your loved one and to come together as a family. Dealing with grief is much harder when you're alone. Having family around you is the best way to process your feelings and feel supported. The word “repast” literally translates to “to eat.” This was a common Latin word for mealtimes. Over the years, it's become associated with funerals.

Now, it is a tradition for breaking bread symbolically, as a family, after the passing of a loved one. Repasts are usually informal affairs. They are often hosted in a public reception hall, either in a funeral home, church, local community center, or restaurant. They might be an entire meal or just snacks and drinks. Ultimately, it will depend on the wishes of the family.



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### KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes 1858
- St Bernadette's Feast Day April 16
- Church Established April 28, 1947
- First Mass Celebrated August 25, 1947
- Church Dedicated 1960
- 75th Anniversary April 28, 2022

## LIGHTING CANDLES IN CHURCH



**Lighting a candle in church is a tangible sign of faith. From baptism candles to votive candles, light is a symbol of love for God.** In turn, lit candles in church are an important expression of light as a manifestation of God's love. Paschal candles, baptism candles, the candle held by the couple during a wedding, the candles burning around a deceased's coffin, are just a few examples of the use of liturgical candles during religious celebrations. Light is the first thing God created. Light made all Creation visible. Christ, who said "I am the true light", embodies the Light of God which brightens the world, defies death and forces darkness to withdraw. During Baptism, the father or Godfather light the Baptism candle, using the flame of the paschal candle. In this way, the child becomes a child of the light, destined with their life, actions, and faith, to feed the fire of love lit to greet his or her rebirth. The Paschal candle, recalls Resurrection, new life beginning with the loss of sins, thanks to the sacrifice Jesus made for us all.

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*"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."*

*- Francis of Assisi*

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### **Please join us for: St Bernadette Bible Study**

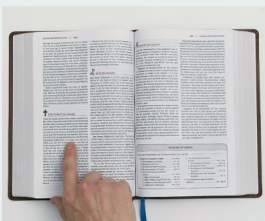
**Every 1st and 3rd  
Thursday  
Noon and 7:00 PM  
Via ZOOM**

#### **NOON Meeting**

**ID 86373871437  
Passcode: 239745  
Contact:  
Carolyn James  
(323) 394-5441**

#### **7:00 pm Meeting**

**ID 81157058134  
Passcode: 6FuFf7  
Contact: Elsie Dixon**



## **WHY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTHS OF MAY AND OCTOBER TO MARY**

The Catholic Church's liturgical calendar dedicates the months of May and October to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. May is the liturgical month of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose commemoration dates from the 17th century. The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. October 7 is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary – the day on which the church in Europe triumphed against the Muslim Turks in 1571. The Turks who controlled most of the Middle East were expanding into Europe forcing Pope Pius V to call on the Christian princes of Europe to rally to defeat the Islamic threat. He called for special processions and public recitation of the rosary, asking for the intercession of the Virgin Mary, which lead to the defeat of the Muslim army at the Battle of Lepanto.

During these months, we pay special homage to Mother Mary by saying the rosary daily and the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, seeking her intercession. The litany of Mary is a special prayer recited after the rosary. It was composed and first used by pilgrims at the Marian shrine in Loreto, Italy in the 16th century and approved by Pope Sixtus V in 1587.

Besides these two months, the Church has other special days dedicated to the glorification of Mother Mary. Example: August 15, was the feast day for the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Roman and Orthodox Catholic Churches believe, on this day, the Virgin Mary's body was taken into heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Assumption of Mary into heaven is one of the major feasts of the Catholic Church.

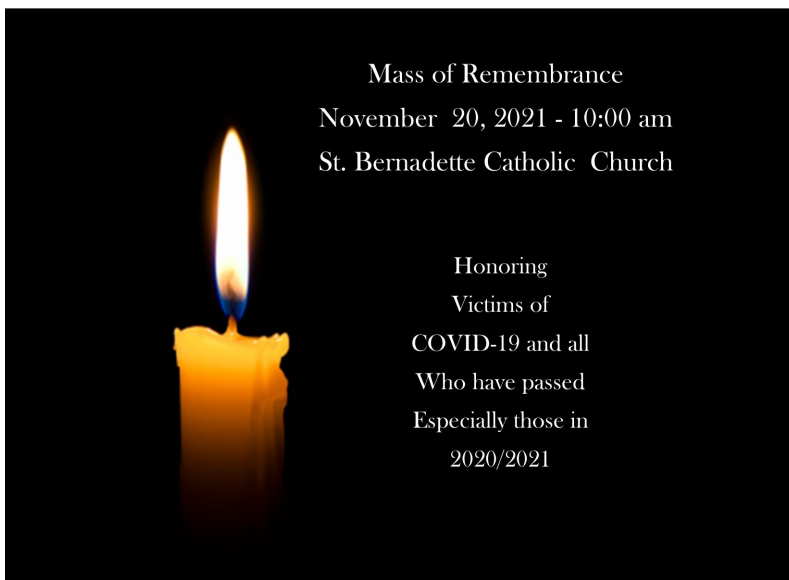
## OCTOBER 4, 2021 - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The feast of St Francis of Assisi is the most important festival of the Franciscan calendar in Assisi, Italy. According to the Catholic Church, it commemorates the saint's transition from this life to the afterlife. For two days, starting on October 3, the town of Assisi is illuminated by oil lamps burning consecrated oil brought from a different Italian town each year. Solemn religious services are held in the Basilica of St Francis and in the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli.

Many children in countries such as the United States bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St Francis' feast day, because of his love for animals, as expressed in his *Canticle of Creatures*. People may also plan a nature walk and teachers, caregivers or parents may spend time helping children write about plants, insects and animals they see. For many educators, caregivers and animal rights organizations, this day is an opportunity to teach children about endangered or abused animals and what can be done to help save these animals. This feast coincides with World Animal Day.

In addition to this feast, a secondary feast is still observed amongst traditional Roman Catholics and Franciscans around the world to honor the stigmata St Francis received. This day is celebrated on September 17 and is known as "The Impression of the Stigmata of St Francis, Confessor".

**On October 4, 2021 we will be blessing  
animals/pets all day long  
(6:00 am to 6:00 pm)  
Please bring your pet to the parish office  
3825 Don Felipe Drive,  
Los Angeles, CA 90008  
For information call (323) 293-4877**



## CANTOR TRAINING

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If you love to sing and serve our community, and are interested in learning how to cantor for the Mass, we will be holding cantor training every Sunday from 9:30-9:50am in the Sanctuary before Sunday Mass. You will learn how to present the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, how to lead the congregation in the Mass parts and responses, and how we approach leading the congregation in the hymns for the week. Once you are comfortable and confident with these aspects of cantoring, you will be put into our rotation of cantors for the Sunday Mass. We hope to see you there!

Contact Dave Christensen at (818) 450-4925 for more information.

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED YOUR PARISH

By registering at St Bernadette, you are declaring your desire to be part of our Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident, please consider registering at St Bernadette. There is information on our website [stbernadettela.org](http://stbernadettela.org) as to how to register. When in doubt, ask Deacon Jim after Mass. In most cases, you will need to visit the parish office and fill out a simple form or register online.

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## SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND ADS TO THE ST BERNADETTE BULLETIN?

All articles should be submitted to [bulletin.sbccc@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.sbccc@gmail.com) for review before they will be considered for publication. The deadline to submit articles for the bulletin is Thursday morning, 10 days before the Sunday that you wish the article to appear. Half and full page requests are due 15 days in advance. The schedule changes for holidays, when the bulletin must meet early publisher deadlines. Submissions may be edited. Late entries may or may not be accepted at the discretion of the Bulletin Editor, and only if space permits.

Bulletin submissions must be created in Microsoft Word, as PDF format is unacceptable. The Bulletin Editor reserves the right to edit all aspects of any articles submitted, including grammar, color used, fonts, style, number of pictures use, size of space given, etc. If your article mentions to "call the parish office for more information" or you expect reservations to be taken by the office staff make sure you get them the appropriate information before the article goes to print.

To use pictures of children in the bulletin, you must have parental permission. It is suggested to have permission of adults prior to using their pictures in the bulletin.

### A Center of Life in the Community

This past Saturday was particularly busy here at St Bernadette. The Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation sponsored a drive thru food pick-up complete with a festive balloon arch. There were family and friends in the hall decorating for a Quinceanera. Contractors were at the school making needed renovations while Sunday Vigil Mass preparations were being made in the church. A Baldwin Hills resident was in the street on Don Felipe Drive cleaning up the refuse which often accumulates there. We greeted each other with a wave and a "good morning." "Whatchu got goin' on today pastor?" I explained briefly who was there and what they were doing. "You have certainly made this place a center of life in this community," she replied. "Well thank you for all you do around here," I responded. We went our separate ways, but her comment stuck with me. There are many ways people refer to churches: "houses of worship," "a House of God," "the church up the street," or "my parish." Of all the ways we could be thought of, I think "A Center of Life in the Community" is the best. Jesus tells us: "*I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly.*" *John 10:10.*

*Let us continue to be a "center of life" in this community. YBIC, Deacon Jim*

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