

St Bernadette Catholic Church  
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## MISSION APPEAL—KABALE DIOCESE, UGANDA

Thank you to all who participated.

We have raised \$3855.00 to date.

## FIVE RULES FOR DISAGREEING WITH THE POPE

Excerpts from an article by Thomas Reese

“In his “Spiritual Exercises,” St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, laid out “Rules for Thinking with the Church.” In that spirit, here are five rules for disagreeing with the pope. This draft is not perfect, but I think the church needs to have a conversation about how we deal with disagreements...”

“First, be respectful.”

“Second, if you disagree with a pope, (or anyone else) be sure to emphasize the positive things they have done.”

“Third, describe the pope’s position accurately and completely; do not create a straw man that can be easily knocked down...”

...Ideally, you should be able to explain the pope’s position better than he can.”

“Fourth, never speak or write when you are emotionally upset.”

“Fifth, ask yourself, would you speak this way to a parent or someone you love?”

If the answer is ‘no’, then don’t. The church is a family. Family fights are the worst. Our goal must be to be reconcilers, not dividers...

Our internal church discussions should follow the same rules as our ecumenical dialogue: Disagreements should lead to fuller knowledge and improvements and ultimately consensus...

That way, as the old song goes, “They will know that we are Christians by our love,” rather than knowing we are Catholics by our fights.”



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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

## SAINTS' FEAST DAYS



A saint's feast day can be the day of their actual death or a day assigned by the Church. Typically, the Church only assigns a day when the day of death is unknown or if several other saints are already assigned to that day. The number of canonized saints, however, is greater than the number of days in a calendar year. The calendar of saints is the traditional Christian method of organizing a liturgical year by associating each day with one or more saints and referring to the day as the feast day or feast of said saint. The word "feast" in this context does not mean "a large meal, typically a celebratory one", but instead "an annual religious celebration, a day dedicated to a particular saint".

The system arose from the early Christian custom of commemorating each martyr annually on the date of their death, or birth into heaven. As the number of recognized saints increased eventually every day of the year had at least one saint who was commemorated on that date.

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*"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying."*

— Nelson Mandela

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## SEVEN SACRAMENTS

There are seven sacraments instituted by Jesus and entrusted to the Church. Sacraments are visible signs of the grace of God to all those who receive them with the proper disposition. The seven sacraments are organized into three categories: the sacraments of initiation, consisting of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist; the sacraments of healing, consisting of Penance and Anointing of the Sick; and the sacraments of service: Holy Orders and Matrimony. Ideally, baptism absolves us of all our sins prior to the one and only baptism. Holy Eucharist "expiates" our "common, everyday sins." The Sacrament of Penance (commonly called Reconciliation or Confession) is one in which the faithful are absolved from sins committed after baptism and are reconciled with the Christian community. Reconciliation services may be used to bring out the communal nature of sacraments, however, mortal sins must be confessed. Venial sins may be confessed for devotional reasons. According to the current doctrine and practice of the church, only those ordained as priests may grant absolution. In the New Testament, Christians are admonished to "confess your sins to one another and pray for one another" at their gatherings (James 5:16), and to be forgiving people (Ephesians 4:32). In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, after being raised from the dead, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23). The Early Church Fathers understood the power of forgiving and retaining sins was communicated to the Apostles and to their lawful successors, for the reconciling of the faithful who sinned after baptism.

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

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

**NOON Meeting**

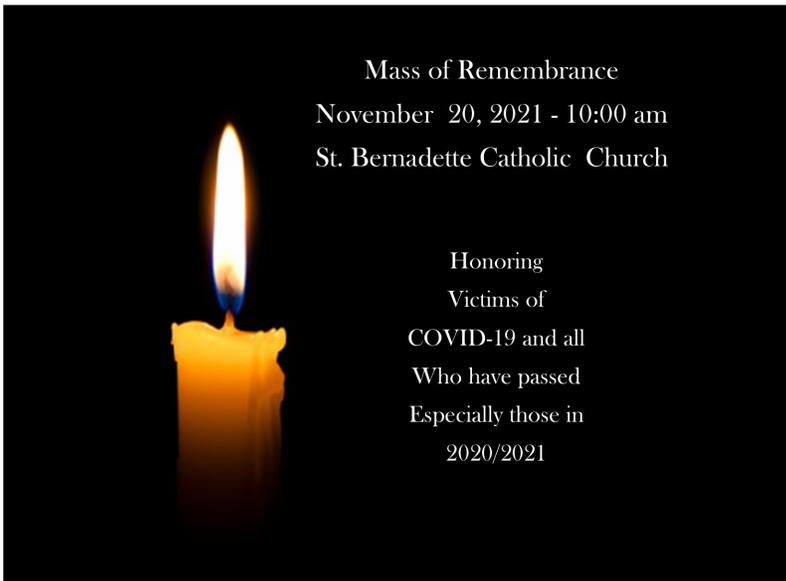
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## ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS, ALL HALLOWS EVE

**All Souls' Day**, also known as the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** and the **Day of the Dead**, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died which is observed by Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations annually on November 2. Practitioners of All Souls' Day traditions often remember deceased loved ones in various ways on this day. Beliefs and practices associated with All Souls' Day vary widely among Christian denominations.

**All Saints' Day**, also known as **All Hallows' Day**, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. Its intent is to celebrate all saints, including those who are no longer celebrated, or are not celebrated individually, either because the number of saints has become so great, or because they were celebrated in groups, after suffering martyrdom collectively. From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places on various dates, near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles, began holding the commemoration of all saints in 01 November. In the 10th century this was extended to the Catholic Church, as a whole, by Pope Gregory IV. In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on 01 November by the Roman Catholic Church, as well as many Protestant churches. The Eastern Orthodox Church, as well as Eastern Catholic and Byzantine Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Church of the East and associated Eastern Catholic Churches celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter.

### BLESSING ANIMALS 04 OCTOBER 2021



### FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

On October 4, 2021  
we will be blessing  
animals/pets

(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

### 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. Whether you just moved to the area or you are a long-time resident, please consider registering at St Bernadette. Information is available on our website [stbernadettela.org](http://stbernadettela.org) as to how to register. If 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.sbcc@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.sbcc@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.

## OUR MISSION

*We, the People of God of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, accept our mission to continue the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Baptized into the Body of Christ, confirmed in the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Word and Eucharist, we share Christ's mission as priest, prophet and servant kings. We are one with the Catholic Church throughout the world, in communion with the pope.*

*With the pastoral leadership of our Archbishop, we collaborate to live and proclaim the gospel. Christ announced the reign of God. We are the instrument of this reign in the world. We commit ourselves to build a community of faith and love. With Christ, we bring good news to the poor. We commit ourselves to eliminate the many faces of poverty in our midst— spiritual, economic, and moral. With Christ, we uphold the dignity of human life. We commit ourselves to cherish each person and to be faithful stewards of God's creation. With Christ, we affirm the bonds that unite us. We commit ourselves to remove the barriers that divide. We dedicate our parish communities and our schools, institutions, ministries, and organizations to fulfill this mission under the loving patronage of Mary, Queen of the Angels.*

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