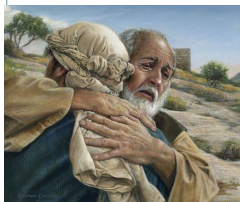


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The Parable of the Elder Son

"...I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

Jeremiah 31:3

The story of the prodigal son demonstrates God's love for us as His children. God's love does not depend on our faithfulness; His love is unconditional. He loved us while we were still sinners. Though we are demanding and do not remain faithful, God is still our faithful and loving Father. When we come to repent of our sins, He is willing to forgive us and welcomes us with open arms. The example of the elder son demonstrates how we should not treat other believers. We are all equal in His sight — sinners saved by God's grace. This leaves us with a question. Which Son is the Prodigal Son? Jesus tells this parable shortly after a group of Pharisees and scribes complained about Jesus fraternizing with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus responds to their criticisms with the parable of the lost sheep and the parable of the lost coin, demonstrating His willingness to pursue sinners.

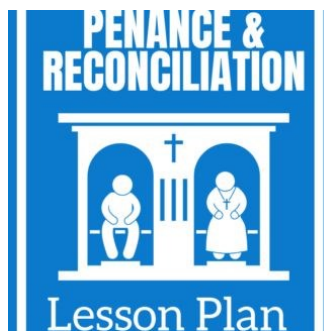
Pilgrimage to France / Lourdes Save the Dates: May 04-14, 2023

Admit it. The Relics were exciting. Would you like to visit St Bernadette in her own home town as well as other **Holy Sites in France?**
Save these dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more info to follow.



Sins and Sacraments

Expiation or Atonement is our way of "eliminating" our passed sinfulness. I remember the first time I heard a priest use the word "expiation". The Sacraments have various purposes, but three of them (Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation or Confession) deal with the "expiation of sin". We think of Baptism in terms of small children, but in the early Church, it was the gateway to the faith. **Baptism** absolves us of all our sins up to the reception of the sacrament; but you can only be baptized once. **Eucharist**, can be thought of as the maintenance plan. Receiving "Communion," the Body and Blood of Christ, absolves us of the "day to day sins." The early Christians believed Jesus would be returning soon, but as time drug on, and Christians realized Jesus' return was not imminent, they became concerned as to how to deal with more serious sins. **Reconciliation** (or confession) gradually evolved out of a need to deal with the "more serious sins" or what we call "Cardinal Sins."



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MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 03-09 2022

Saturday 4:00 PM:	All Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 AM: Christopher Asher, Reynito and Patricia Blanco	
Monday 8:00 AM.....	All Parishioners
Tuesday 8:00 AM.....	All Parishioners
Wednesday 8:00 AM.....	All Parishioners
Thursday	No Masses
Friday.....	No Masses
Donations for Mass Intentions accepted and appreciated	



Saint Peter Claver—September 09, 2022

St Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary born in Verdú (Catalonia, Spain). Due to his life and work, he became the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African Americans. During the 40 years of his ministry in the New Kingdom of Granada, it is estimated he personally baptized 300,000 people and heard the confessions of over 5,000 slaves per year. He is also the patron saint for seafarers. Peter Claver is considered a heroic example of Christian love and the exercise of human rights. The Congress of the Republic of Colombia, declared September 9 national “Human Rights Day” in his honor. In the last years of his life he was too ill to leave his room. He lingered for four years, largely forgotten and neglected; physically abused and starved by an ex-slave who had been hired by the Superior of the house to care for him. He never complained about his treatment, accepting it as a just punishment for his sins. He died on 8 September 1654.

When the news of his death spread throughout Cartagena many came to his room to pay their last respects. Such was his reputation for holiness the room was stripped bare of anything which might serve as a relic.

The city magistrates, who had previously considered him a nuisance, ordered a public funeral and he was buried with pomp and ceremony. The scope of Claver's ministry, which was prodigious even before considering the astronomical number of people he baptized, came to be realized only after his death.

Join us for Bible Study

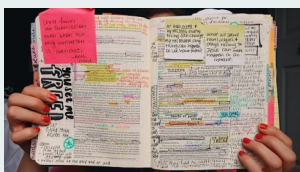
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
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Passcode: 689472

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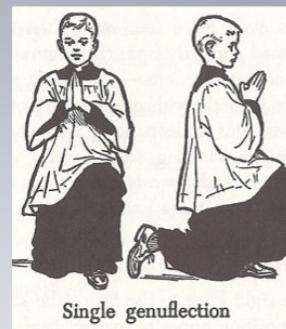
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Why Do Catholics Genuflect?

Genuflecting is the act of bending a knee to the ground, as distinguished from kneeling which more strictly involves both knees. From early times, it has been a gesture of deep respect for a superior. Today, the gesture is common in the Christian religious practices of the Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Western Rite Orthodox Church. “Genuflectio”, the Latin word, from which the English word is derived, originally meant kneeling with both knees rather than the rapid dropping to one knee and immediately rising which became customary in Western Europe in the Middle Ages. In Western culture, one genuflects on the left knee to a human dignitary, whether ecclesiastical or civil, while in Christian churches and chapels, one genuflects on the right knee when the Sacrament is not exposed but in a tabernacle or veiled (conversely, one kneels with both knees if the Sacrament is exposed). Genuflection is a sign of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. The purpose is to allow the worshipper to engage his whole person in acknowledging the presence of and to honor Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is customary to genuflect whenever one comes into or leaves the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle. So the heart may bow before God in profound reverence, the genuflection must be neither hurried nor careless.”



Sunday, October 16, 2022

First Communion Instruction Begins
Parish Convent Chapel

Following Sunday 10:00 am Mass
Please Register with the Parish Office

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**Coffee & Donuts
Every Sunday
In the Hall
after 10:00 am Mass**
We are looking for sponsors!

Remembering 9/11—21 Years Later

‘Evil and death do not have the final say’

At his general audience on Sept. 12, 2001, Pope St. John Paul II expressed his “profound sorrow” over the attacks of the day before.

“Yesterday was a dark day in the history of humanity, a terrible affront to human dignity. After receiving the news, I followed with intense concern the developing situation, with heartfelt prayers to the Lord. How is it possible to commit acts of such savage cruelty? The human heart has depths from which schemes of unheard-of ferocity sometimes emerge, capable of destroying in a moment the normal daily life of a people. But faith comes to our aid at these times when words seem to fail. Christ’s word is the only one that can give a response to the questions which trouble our spirit. Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it.”



**Your commitment to chastity is the
pathway to creativity.**

A recent Facebook post by “The Culture Project” recounted one missionary’s experience of being asked by a young woman, “If my boyfriend and I can’t have sex until marriage...what do we do?” The CP Missionary recalled the St. Vincent de Paul quote that “Love is in-

ventive to infinity,” and observed that “incredible creativity” is truly a “hallmark of love.” Here are 100 suggestions of things to do together with your significant other which are Chaste and Fun. <https://plus.catholicmatch.com/articles/100-things-to-do-together-that-are-chaste-and-fun>



Register for Sacraments ONLINE

Go to stbernadettela.org
Select **“Sacraments”**
Select **“registration forms”**
Choose a Sacrament
(example: **“First Communion”**)
Print the appropriate form
Complete the form
Submit in Person to the Parish Office



LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Monday of the 24th Week in
Ordinary Time to the
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday

8:00 am

**Communion Service
(Adoration to Follow)**

Tuesday

8:00 am

**Communion Service
(Adoration to Follow)**

Wednesday

8:00 am

**Communion Service
(Adoration to Follow)**

Thursday

Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

Friday

Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

Saturday

Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

10:00 am Mass

**Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)**

Mass Intentions

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1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Faith & Blue

Facing the Future with Hope



Saturday, Oct 8, 2022

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church Hall
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9:30 am to 12 noon

Coffee, Donuts and Great Conversation

**Bringing together clergy, police and community members
to discuss life's challenges since the onset of Covid-19**

Did you know? September 10-11 How to respond to choking, *part one*

In a choking emergency, it is important to respond quickly and effectively. Experts suggest reviewing maneuvers regularly so that you are equipped to

respond to such an emergency. For children over the age of one, if a child is coughing, encourage him to keep coughing — this could be the quickest way to clear the airway. If a child is having trouble coughing, talking, or breathing, provide immediate help. You can attempt the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the object and clear the airway.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "How to Respond to Choking" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/

