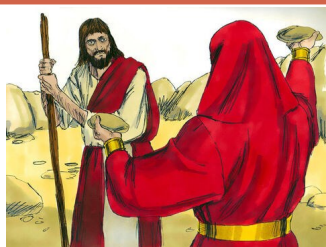


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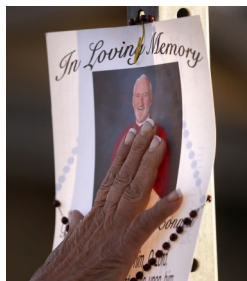
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First Sunday of Lent. Into the desert!
***“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”***
~Matthew 4:10

The “Spirit” leads Jesus into the desert for 40 days, in preparation for his ministry. It is a period not unlike the Lenten preparation we are about to experience. It is no mere coincidence Jesus encounters the same temptations we face in our daily lives. The “Tempter” encourages Jesus to change the stones to loaves of bread. Note that he doesn’t simply suggest a few slices. Jesus is tempted to satiate himself, to eat his fill, to have more than he needs. We live a country of obesity and excess, where “enough” is never enough. As stewards we know there is enough food to feed everyone in the world, if it were only distributed equally. The devil then offers Jesus his “15 minutes of fame.” In one spectacular gesture he can have everyone’s attention. “Like moths to a flame” we too want our moment in the sun. We want to be noticed, acknowledged, given credit for what we do. Why do people spend \$700 a month on a car so they can impress someone at a stop light that they don’t even know? Why do people jeopardize their reputations and even their lives just to get media attention? Finally, Jesus is offered a position of power. Many of us want to be defined by our station in life. We crave the corner office, the great job title, the white linen business card, or the reserved parking place with our name on it. At the very least we want credit for what we do. Sadly for those of us who rely on these things to define our lives: “All glory is fleeting.” None of it lasts. Economic downturns will come and the job or title which defines us will be no more. Matthew’s message is clear: the faith you experience during Lent can be easily lost when you return from the desert. Our time in the desert is not something to be survived, rather it is a preparation to survive the world to which we return.

Murder of Auxiliary Bishop David O’Connell We as Catholics are sometimes reminded we are not immune to the violence of the world. And yet, God challenges us to carry on, to love unconditionally, and he gives us the tools necessary to do so. The recent murder of our friend and brother Bishop David O’Connell is one of those times. Yes, we want justice to be served and the perpetrator to be punished, but we also realize, his family will suffer as well. *“Loving God, you are the author and sustainer of our lives. You know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the brokenhearted. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need; strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.”*



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<i>“Trust in the LORD with all your heart” Proverbs 3:5</i>



Coming to St Bernadette in March:

Journey of the Saints Exhibition

Everyone is invited to journey with the 23 portraits of saints on display in our church in March. Learn more about their diversity and impact on our world. The portraits were introduced at the Archdiocesan Presbyterian Day, attended by nearly 500 priests, and are making their way throughout our archdiocese, visiting select parishes in each of the five pastoral regions. Their presence reminds us, as Catholic Christians, we proclaim the beauty of God's creation in one human race rich in diversity of color, language, physical features and ethnic cultures. Knowing Jesus prayed to his Father "...that all may be one," we believe we are called to build a unified kingdom of God in our midst by embracing all God's people as our brothers and sisters. After you visit the exhibition, please share your experience by emailing j.carper.sbccc@gmail.com. The Archdiocesan organizing team plans to publish visitors' experiences on their website.

Join us for
Bible Study

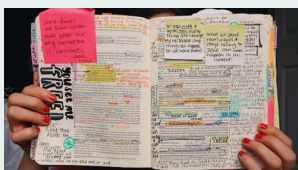
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
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Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

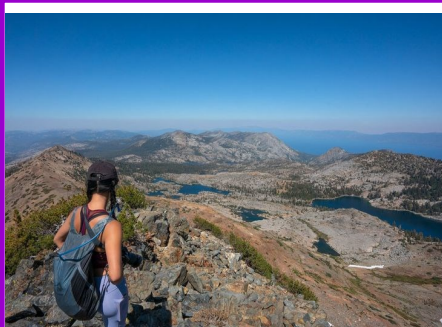
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Passcode: 6FuFf7

Contact:
Elsie Dixon
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Mass Intention requests should indicate:

If it is for an individual? or family?
Is the person Living? Deceased?
Name of the person making the request?
Contact person's name? Phone? Email
address:? Requested date of Mass? Please
note if the intention is for a special occasion,
such as a birthday, an anniversary
or for healing.

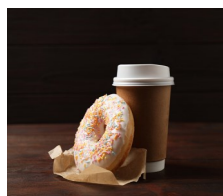


What is Lent? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. **Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten", meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring.** The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts



After 10:00 Mass
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall
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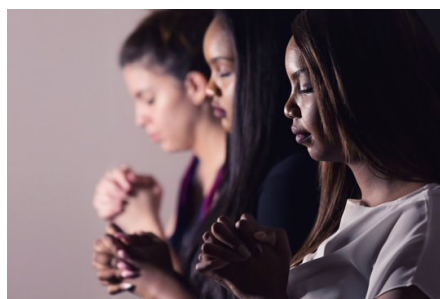


St. Bernadette Women's Retreat March 31 - April 02, 2023

MADE FOR GREATER

You Are Made For Greater Things Than These

The Carmelite Sisters invite all women to attend this retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House. This year's retreat theme comes from a quote of Mother Luisita to one of her Carmelite daughters, exhorting her to keep her eyes fixed on HEAVEN and to remain firm in conviction of the dignity of every life. We believe Mother Luisita's wisdom has much to offer the world in our present time. The Carmelite Sisters invite all women to come on retreat at The Sacred Heart Retreat House.



Registration is now available!

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. (So it is permissible to use margarine and lard.)



The 20th Annual Archdiocesan Black History Month was held at the Cathedral at 5:00 PM on February 18, 2023. This annual celebration brings together African American Catholics, members of the African Diaspora, and people from a wide variety of cultures to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church and to American society. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop José H. Gomez. The Mass is sponsored by the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization. Congratulations to our Lector Coordinator, **Lawrence Reney** who received the **Keeper of the Flame Award**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 20, 2023
MONDAY OF THE SEVENTH
WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
TO FEBRUARY 26, 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT

Monday, February 27, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, March 01, 2023

8:00 am Mass

12 noon Communion Service

7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, March 02, 2023

Liturgy of the Word
(recorded)

Friday, March 03, 2023

Liturgy of the Word
(recorded)

Saturday, March 04, 2023

Liturgy of the Word
(recorded)

Confessions 3:00 pm
Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 05, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts
following 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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Mass Intentions for this Week

February 25, 2023

Lillian and Frank Rouzan
Wedding Anniversary 51 years

Walter Moret and Deacon Emile Adams RIP

February 26, 2023

Confirmation Youth Attending Congress

A Message from Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles:

I want to thank you all for being here, and especially for your concern for Bishop David O'Connell. Bishop Dave was a good friend to Los Angeles. Out of his love for God, he served this city for more than forty years, as an immigrant from Ireland. And I would say that among the many things that I admired in him in his life and ministry was that he was fluent in Spanish with an Irish accent. Every day he worked to show compassion to the poor, to the homeless, to the immigrant, and to all those living on society's margins. He was a good priest and a good bishop, and a man of peace. And we are very sad to lose him. I am very grateful to Sheriff Luna and to his investigative team for their hard work in bringing a suspect into custody. So on behalf of the entire Catholic community, we want to express our gratitude for the Sheriff's Office, for their professionalism and sensitivity in what is a sad and painful moment for all of us. Thank you again for your concern and for your coverage. And please, let us keep praying for Bishop Dave and his family. And let's keep praying for our law enforcement officials as they continue their investigation. And let's pray for our great city. Thank you.

Did you know? February 26/26

Know How to Report Abuse in California

It is important to take immediate action if someone discloses abuse to you, or if you suspect abuse or neglect is happening. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles offers a detailed list of resources with information about what to do if you suspect a child, vulnerable or elderly adult is being abused. All employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are expected to report suspected abuse to the appropriate civil authorities and to Victims Assistance Ministry. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit lacatholics.org/protect

THE 3 R'S OF REPORTING CHILD ABUSE



RECOGNIZE



RESPOND



REPORT