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**The Man Born Blind** “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” ~ John 9:25

We live in a society which wants to know everything about everything. Our airwaves and print media are jammed with a great many opinions, but very little truth. The story of the man born blind is about three groups who encounter truth in very different ways.

The Pharisees’ stated purpose is to get to the bottom of this situation. They seem to want a factual accounting of what happened. But in point of fact their version of truth has already been predetermined. Anything which does not align with their world view must be wrong or untrue. There are many people today who, when information seems counter to their beliefs, they simply ignore or discard it.

The parents are noncommittal. They just don’t take a stand and defer to their son. The man who was blind is a truth seeker. He shares the truths which he understands, and admits what he doesn’t know or understand.

So who is truly blind in this story? The man who was born blind recognizes Jesus as being “from God.” The Pharisees who were born sighted can not see (recognize) Jesus, the Son of God. They choose to be blinded by their beliefs.

As stewards of our faith we must come to realize our faith is not a destination, but a journey. Life is a series of encounters with truths and falsehoods. If we are biased we will only accept those things which support our world view. If we are noncommittal, life will simply wash over us. Like the man born blind we are called to be seekers of truth; people of God who find Jesus everywhere, everyday. © 2011 James E. Carper. All rights reserved.

**NOW Until March 23rd!!!  
Journey of the Saints Exhibition  
“So All May Be One”**

The Community of South Los Angeles is invited to journey with the 23 portraits of saints on display at St Bernadette Church. Learn more about their diversity and impact on our world.

**Contact the Office for a  
Private or Group Tour  
(323) 293-4877**



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*“Trust in the LORD with all  
your heart” Proverbs 3:5*

## Laetare Sunday—The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. It gets its name from the first few words of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") It is also known as Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday and Rose Sunday (either because the golden rose sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns used to be blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-colored rather than violet vestments was permitted on this day). The station church at Rome for this day was Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time and for this reason the day was sometimes called Dominica de Rosa. The Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigors; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. Traditionally, weddings (otherwise banned during Lent) could be performed on this day, and servants were released from service for the day to visit their mother church, the place in which they received the sacrament of baptism (hence 'Mothering Sunday'). Laetare Sunday is the date on which the recipient of University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal is announced.

## LAETARE SUNDAY

**Join us for  
Bible Study**

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

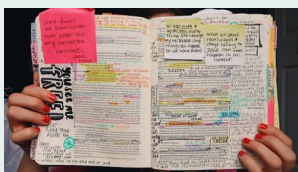
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**Contact:  
Carolyn James  
(323) 394-5441**

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**7:00 pm Meeting  
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Passcode: 6FuFf7**

**Contact:  
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**It Isn't Easter, without Easter Lilies**

**ORDER NOW!!!**

**"Remember a Loved One"**

**"Beautify your Home"**

**"Plant in the Back Yard"**

**TAKING ORDERS UNTIL March 21, 2023**

**6 inch pots / 5 to 7 Blooms  
\$20.00 each  
(323) 293-4877**

### Common Questions About Confirmation

**Requirements:** Candidates for Confirmation must be baptized and have received Holy Communion. Candidates are normally between 11-16 years of age. There is a period of preparation to help parents and candidates understand the purpose of Confirmation.

**What is the process of confirmation?** Confirmation consists of a prayer to the Holy Spirit, the laying on of hands while the prayer is said, and the anointing of the candidate with the oil of Chrism. The Church teaches Confirmation confirms Baptism and is the second formal step in the process of becoming initiated into the Christian community. **How do I know if my child is ready for Confirmation?** If a baptized child of catechetical age is growing up in a home where the faith of the parents is expressed in personal prayer, regular worship with a parish community, and in a life lived in accordance with Gospel values, then the child is ready. The purpose of the sacrament preparation program is to help children and parents prepare for these initiation events. A child's readiness for initiation is not a matter of religious instruction.

### What does the Church ask of parents in sacrament preparation?

The church views the role of parents in religious formation of children as both a privilege and an obligation. When you presented your child to the Church for Baptism, you were distinctly reminded that you have the responsibility to "bring [your child] up in the practice of the faith" (*Rite of Baptism* 56). This privilege and obligation extends to all sacrament preparation.





## Join us for Coffee and Donuts

After 10:00 Mass in the Grotto  
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall  
If you would like to  
sponsor Coffee and Donuts  
Contact the Parish Office  
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## St. Bernadette Women's Retreat March 31 - April 02, 2023

### MADE FOR GREATER

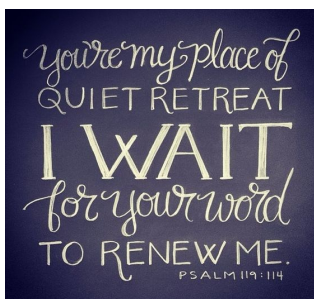
#### *You Are Made For Greater Things Than These*

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!**

**By PHONE (626) 289-1353**

**Or, REGISTER ONLINE:**



**It's Not Too Late For Lent 1. It's the Thought Which Counts:** Changing thought patterns toward a particular habit which spiritually aids our well-being, renews our mind and focuses our heart. **2. It's About Sacrifice:** Sacrifice is resisting temptation and developing character. Sacrifice is a difficult skill to incorporate, no matter what season it is. **3. A Little Is Better Than None:** It is not only important to participate in the gift of sacrifice, it is about learning how difficult it must have been for God to give up his only Son for us. Lent is about lessons learned and spiritual growth rather than accomplishing a task or going through the motions.



#### **4. It Will Help Your Spiritual Growth.**

As we incorporate new spiritual habits, we grow closer to Christ, and that is the biggest win in this season of Lent. **5. It's About the Heart.** Jesus wants intimacy and fellowship with us. Lent brings us closer to him. Choose to participate right now, and you can still get the full experience of the Lenten season.

## Mass Intention requests:

Is it for an individual? or family? Is the person Living? Or Deceased? Name of the person making the request? The Contact person's name? (If different than the requestor) Phone? Email address? Requested date of the Mass? Please note if the intention is for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are prayers for the healing of a specific disease?



## LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 20, 2023  
MONDAY OF THE FOURTH-  
WEEK OF LENT  
TO MARCH 26, 2023  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT

### Monday, March 20, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

### Thursday, March 23, 2023

8:00 am Mass In-Person

Liturgy of the Word

(pre-recorded)

### Friday, March 24, 2023

8:00 am Mass In-Person

Liturgy of the Word

(pre-recorded)

### Saturday, March 25, 2023

#### The Annunciation of the Lord

Liturgy of the Word

(pre-recorded)

Confessions 3:00 pm

Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

following Mass in the Grotto

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

March 18, 2023

Lt Col John Harris

March 19, 2023

Geraldine Bacon

The Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters and the St. Bernadette Confirmation class will host this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Please support their efforts by donating Easter Baskets, Plastic Grass, Small Individually Wrapped Candies and Plastic. Please drop off all donations to the rectory.



#### Did you know? March 18-19 Healing Gardens for Victim-Survivors Offer a Way Forward

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles unveiled its first “Garden of Healing” for victim-survivors of sexual abuse, at the St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care, near East LA. Its goal is to bring peace and comfort to those who have been victims of abuse. Inspiration for the garden came from a victim-survivor who has worked with Archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Ministry for many years. To learn more, visit [angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse](http://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse). <https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-3>

