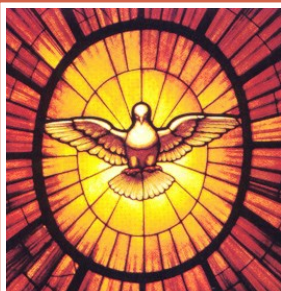


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"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept" ... John 14:15

Jesus assured his disciples it would be beneficial for Him to leave them. WHY? Because, when he did, he would send the "Advocate" to them. We more commonly identify the "Advocate" as the "Holy Spirit," but the title Advocate, or Comforter in many translations, is a very descriptive term. The word ***paraclete***, translated here as advocate, means '***called to one's side***' and was used in court to refer to a counsel for the defense, an advocate. It is also used in the sense of someone who provides comfort. Most believers would love to have Jesus physically present with us throughout the day. However, Jesus tells us it is better for us to have the Holy Spirit in our lives than to have his physical presence. The Holy Spirit within gives us assurance of salvation (Eph. 1:13-14), leads us into the truth (John 16:13), equips us to serve (1 Cor. 12:7-11), and enables us to live the life God has called us to (Rom. 8:9-11). Without the Holy Spirit, we would be like Peter before Pentecost (John 18:17, 25-27). With the Holy Spirit we can be like Peter after Pentecost (Acts 4:13). We are called to "Get to know" our Paraclete/Advocate/Comforter. More than that? We must allow him to transform our lives.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

Tour to Lourdes, France

Oct 14 - 24, 2023

Celebrating the
75th Anniversary of
St. Bernadette
Catholic Church
Call 1-800-473-1551

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Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States on the second Sunday of May since 1914. It should be no surprise, Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering. Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into honoring your mother as well. And devotion to Mary, the mother of God and our spiritual mother, in the month of May gives this holiday depth for Catholics that goes far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day. In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any "person" ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the "person".

Mother's Day Prayer

"I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love." Amen.

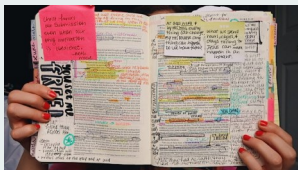
This prayer was taken from prayers for and by mothers on Creighton University's Online Ministries. This website and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offer prayers for mothers struggling through a variety of challenges as well as blessings.

**Join us for
Bible Study
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM
1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472**

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

**7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
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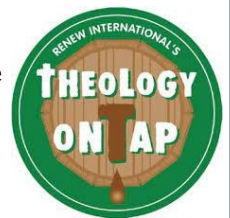
**Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



The Oil of Catechumens, also known as the Oil of Exorcism, is the oil used in some traditional Christian churches during baptism; it is believed to strengthen the one being baptized to turn away from evil, temptation and sin. The Oil of Exorcism was mentioned in the ancient Christian Apostolic Tradition as being "used before baptisms to put to flight any contagions that might obstruct the impending baptismal graces." The Egyptian Church Order teaches that it is blessed during the Easter Vigil, the first liturgy of Eastertide. The catechumen, the person prepared for baptism, is also anointed as a symbol of being the heir of the Kingdom of God, as kings and queens are anointed at coronations, and empowered for their Christian life as prophets were anointed for their ministry. The Oil of Catechumens is intended to help strengthen the person about to be baptized, and prepare them for the struggle (asceticism) of the Christian life, the way a wrestler in ancient Greece and Rome was anointed before a wrestling match.

What is "Theology on Tap"?

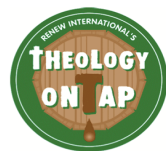
Theology on Tap is an invitation for young adults to learn more about their faith and to share in the Catholic community. It is intended to serve as a springboard for other young adult initiatives. This program has proven to be a successful vehicle for reaching young adults interested in learning more about their faith, coming together to share community, and feeling welcomed and valued in the Catholic Church. "TOT has encouraged the Young Adults...to gather and discuss topics we are all facing in one way or another in a Godly way. This time together is important to support each other to keep God at the center of our lives!"



**Please submit your Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements
at least two weeks in advance.**

If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877

**Join us for
Coffee and Donuts
After 10:00 am Mass
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall
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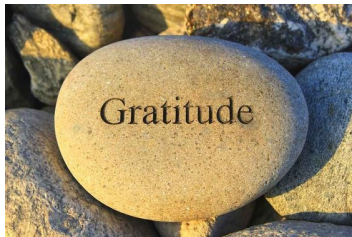
Young Adults 18-35 Years of Age

**May 20, 2023
St Bernadette Parish Hall
Food and Drinks
Provided**

**Want to Help!
Text Georgia
(323) 203-5551**

Give Out of Gratitude...Not Out of Guilt

When we give God something which costs us, we point to the past, acknowledging everything we have comes from Him. We also point toward the future. Giving up something we might need is a move of trust, evidence we believe He, in His time, will provide for every one of our needs. God asks us to trust Him, and He often inspires us to give more. Giving is the only arena in which God invites us to trust Him, not so we will get more, but so we can see He wants to be generous to us. When we honor God with our gifts, we acknowledge He is everything we need and has promised to take care of us. When we give something we depend upon, we show we trust He will keep His promises. When we give in abundance, God sees. How do we respond to this unfathomable love and grace and sacrifice? The simple answer is we worship and God is glorified.



Daily and Sunday Mass intentions at St. Bernadette Church.

To request an intention please include:
Is it for an individual? or family? Is the person Living? 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? Is the intention for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are the prayers for the healing of a specific disease or condition?



**Our Parish Hall is a great place for a variety of events:
Repasts, Luncheons, Business Meetings, Clinics, Inoculation Sites,
Seminars and a host of other events. It is fully AV Equipped.
For Details and Availability contact the Parish Office
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**LITURGY SCHEDULE
MAY 15, 2023
MONDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK
OF EASTER
TO MAY 21, 2023
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Monday, May 15, 2023
8:00 am
Communion Service**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023
8:00 am
Communion Service**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Thursday, May 18, 2023
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Friday, May 19, 2023
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023
3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023
10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Parish Hall
Following Mass**

**Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)**

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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

Saturday, May 13, 2023: All Parishioners

Sunday, May 14, 2023: Francisca Anuluaha

Wednesday, May 17, 2023: Fr. John Bullock

Thursday, May 18, 2023: Fr. Roy Oggero

Did you know? May 13-14

Recognize signs of grooming behavior

Many adult predators “groom” their victims, creating an emotional and psychological connection with a child to lay the groundwork for future sexual abuse. Some basic signs of child grooming can include taking an undue interest in someone else’s child, or calling a child a “special friend.” Groomers may give money or gifts for no reason, or invite a potential victim on isolated day trips or outings without the child’s parents.



For more signs of grooming behavior, read the VIRTUS® article “The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Read the VIRTUS® article “The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse” here.](#)

1st Holy Communion

Sunday, May 7th at the 10:00 am Mass.

We have 09 communicants this year (2023)

