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**John 20: 19-23**  
***“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” John 20:23***

Jesus passed through the locked doors of the house where the disciples were hiding. His arrival among them was a complete surprise. Did they dread his reproaches, all but the beloved disciple, having abandoned him in His terrible hour of need? Before they can express any remorse, or make an excuse, He forgives them: ‘Peace be with you’. Or, said another way: “be at peace”.

It is an expression of unconditional love. We are called to give the same unconditional forgiveness to others in our own lives. Only when we believe ourselves to be forgiven, can we do the same. Is there someone I need to forgive this very day? In a gesture of wonderful intimacy, Jesus ‘breathed’ the Holy Spirit into his disciples. This act evokes God’s promise to Ezekiel centuries earlier, to give us hearts of flesh instead of hearts of stone. If we refuse to believe ourselves forgiven, how can we forgive others?

Let us pray, in a special way, for the Church, spread throughout the world under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask for the grace to grow in love for the Church, which is the body of Christ himself, and of which we are a living part. It is through the Church we receive the Word, the Eucharist, forgiveness of sins and much, much more. The *Church* is the **“Bride of Christ.”** And yet it is full of sinners, like ourselves. Let us pray for the Church to be open to the Spirit, as it carries out Jesus’ command to be his witnesses in today’s world.

**hos·pi·tal·i·ty** *“the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.”*

The mission of the hospitality ministry is to provide a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, care, and unity for visitors, members, guests, and friends in order to enhance their worship experience, encourage fellowship, and help build a community of believers.

Purpose: The hospitality ministry serves to reflect the love of Christ through expressions of gratitude, excitement, and enthusiasm, to: Create an inviting environment during our services and special events that is: Welcoming, Hospitable, Friendly, Organized, Disciplined. And provide a sense of belonging by making sure every visitor, member, and guest feels special and welcome in our church home.

Encourage a smooth transition from being a visitor to becoming a member.



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

## Pentecost? Why is it so important to us and the Church?

Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, upon the Apostles and Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. This happens fifty days after Easter. Before the Ascension of Christ into heaven, He admonished His disciples to wait patiently for the Holy Spirit, who would come to energize and embolden them and also remind them of all the things He (Christ) had told them while on earth. Who is this Holy Spirit? He is known as the giver of life that proceeds from the Father (Nicene Creed). This life has its origin in the Father and is given to us through the Son. It is made our interior personal procession by the Holy Spirit.



Through Baptism the Holy Spirit enables us to be reborn as children of God and sharers of divine life. The Holy Spirit's descent upon the disciples is very symbolic because it marks the commencement of the Church, as it were. After the ascension of Christ into heaven, the disciples and other believers were afraid. Their leader was gone, and there was no one to protect them from their enemies. At Pentecost, while they were in the upper room praying, there was a loud noise and the Holy Spirit descended on each of them like tongues of fire and they began to speak in different languages to the astonishment of all. Now, armed with divine light, which enables us to know the Father, the once timid disciples began to proclaim the gospel with renewed vigor, accompanied by ***"signs and wonders."***

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, meaning *'he who is called to one's side or 'counselor'*. His purpose is to teach Christians all things and bring them to a remembrance of everything Jesus said and did (Jn. 14, 26) Thus, the Holy Spirit is the personal presence of God's love dwelling in our hearts, producing fellowship with the Son and making us adopted children of the Father.

### Join us for Bible Study

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

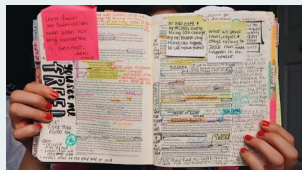
**1:00 pm Meeting**  
**ID: 87233018319**  
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**7:00 pm Meeting**  
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**Passcode: 6FuFf7**

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### \*Promises of the Rosary

Those who faithfully pray the Rosary shall:

1. Receive signal graces.
2. Receive special protection and the greatest of graces.
3. Acquire a powerful armor against hell.
4. Cause virtue and good works to flourish.
5. Obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.
6. Withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities
7. Not perish.
8. Never be conquered by misfortune.
9. Not die without the sacraments of the Church.
10. Have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces.
11. Participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
12. Be delivered from purgatory.
13. Merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
14. Obtain all that you ask of God.
15. Be aided by me (Mary) in their necessities.
16. Receive all Mary has obtained from her Divine Son
17. Shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
18. Are Mary's children and brothers
19. Have received a sign of predestination



Please note: there are a number of versions and variations of this list. The original of this version was modified to fit in this space.

**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**

**If you would like to sponsor**

**Coffee and Donuts**

**Contact the Parish Office @ (323) 293-4877**



**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 dif-  
ferent than the requestor) Phone? Email ad-  
dress? Requested date of the Mass? Is the inten-

tion for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are the  
prayers for the healing of a specific disease or condition?

**This is How We Roll!**

It was Saturday Night May 10. "Theology  
**On Tap,**" coordinated by Danielle and  
Giorgia, was a huge success, but the Wom-  
en's Day Luncheon was coming in right  
behind them the next day. How to make  
this work??? NO Problem. Both minis-  
tries worked together seamlessly. Take  
down to set up? Less than 90 minutes!

This is how we do ministry at SBCC.

**WORKING TOGETHER!**



**Women's Day Luncheon fills the Hall  
with Elegance, Beauty, and Great Food**

Thank you to our wonderful Women's Day  
Luncheon Committee Chaired by Lorraine  
Sampson. It was an amazing event and a  
great day for St Bernadette Church.

***"Strong Women don't have  
attitudes...we have standards."***

***-Marilyn Monroe***



**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**

**(323)293-4877**

**Our weekly Rosary Group may be returning to our church in the  
Reconciliation Room. Let us Know if you are interested.**

***"Hail Mary Full of Grace..."***



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**MAY 29, 2023  
MONDAY (BLESSED MARY)  
TO JUNE 04, 2023  
MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

**Memorial Day  
Office & Christian Service  
Closed / No Services**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

**8:00 am  
Communion Service**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Thursday, June 01, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Friday, June 02, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Saturday, June 03, 2023**

**3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, June 04, 2023**

**10:00 am Mass  
Coffee & Donuts  
Parish Hall  
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

**Saturday May 27, 2023: All Members of SBCC**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023: All Members of SBCC**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023: Rev. Fr. Martin Eke**



#### **Did you know? May 27-28 Keep talking about online activity**

One way to keep children from creating an isolated online virtual world is to keep the conversation going in real time, in person. Ask your children what they do online: who do they talk to? What are they reading and researching? Have they watched any interesting videos? Making the online space part of your regular everyday conversations can help children bridge the gap between virtual engagement and reality. For more internet safety tips, read the VIRTUS® article "Five Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

#### **Vocations Update**

Archbishop Gomez will be ordaining eight (8) men to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 3rd. Ten (10) men to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, June 10th. On May 27 Twelve (12) men will be ordained as "Transitional Deacons in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. Please continue to pray for vocations. The Ordinations will be held at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels.



#### **Memorial Day: Not just another Holiday**

Celebrations similar to our modern Memorial Day might have started in ancient times.

One of the first Memorial Day celebrations in the United States was by newly freed enslaved men, women, and children on May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina.

The observance was originally known as Decoration Day.

It was Union General John A. Logan who called for an official nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868, a date chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of a particular battle.

In 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting the president issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace.

It is one of the few days flags are ordered to fly at half-staff then full-staff.