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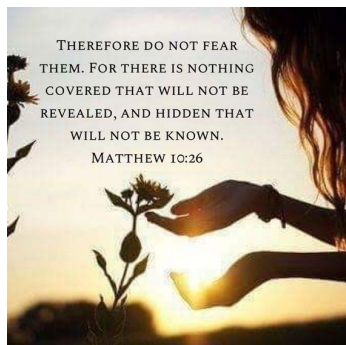


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## The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 10:26-33

*"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed which will not be revealed, nor secret which will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the house-tops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."*

Jesus reminds us we do not have to answer everything or convince everyone. In God's time all will be made known. We give thanks to God for what we have learned through prayer. And, we are called to pray for the courage needed to let our experience of God be evident in our lives. Jesus reminds us we do not have to have all the answers or be successful in convincing everyone. In God's time, not ours, all will be made clear.



THEREFORE DO NOT FEAR  
THEM. FOR THERE IS NOTHING  
COVERED THAT WILL NOT BE  
REVEALED, AND HIDDEN THAT  
WILL NOT BE KNOWN.  
MATTHEW 10:26

Jesus does, however, mention fear five times: fear sometimes deters us from speaking the truth. We know what to do in a situation, but do nothing for fear of the reactions of others. God knows us completely and values us limitlessly, so we need not fear. Jesus reminds us we do not need to have answers for everything or convince everyone. In God's time all will be known. Thank God

## Angels? What They Are. And, What They are Not!

Angels are not chubby, flying babies with wings. Angels are spirit beings created by God to serve Him. "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14). Angels are ministering spirits, sent by God to do His will. While many people believe in the existence of guardian angels, nowhere in the Bible are we told we have a guardian angel. The "Biblical" are Michael and Gabriel. Catholic tradition also includes Rafael; however, there is no record of him in the Bible. Therefore, the only two angels named in the Bible are Michael and Gabriel. Both are seen as obeying God, serving God, and helping those to whom God sends them. As in the case of Daniel the prophet, God sent Gabriel to talk with him (Daniel 9:20-23). Gabriel is God's messenger to the people. We also see Gabriel fulfill this role when he appears to Mary (Luke 1:26-38). Michael is an archangel, and he fulfills his role to God of keeping humans safe at God's command. As in the case of the rapture of the church, it is Michael who will be carefully guiding believers to heaven with the Lord.



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

## The Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist—June 24, 2023

Each year on June 24 the Catholic Church honors the birth of St John the Baptist by reflecting on his unique role as the precursor of Jesus. The solemnity held on June 24th praises John as a worthy example of what it means to be a follower of Christ. (A solemnity is the most significant feast the Church can establish.) While other saints are remembered with feast days to remember their deaths, St. John the Baptist, like the Virgin Mary's, is honored with solemnities to recall both his birth and his death. While never overshadowing the Father or the Son, the mysteries of John's birth and his prominent role in the life of Christ are given special significance by the Church.

Normally, when a saint's feast day or solemnity falls on a Sunday, it is superseded by the Sunday liturgy. The solemnity honoring John the Baptist's nativity is one of the exceptions. If it occurs on the Lord's Day, the prayers, readings and psalms associated with the solemnity of John are not replaced by a different Sunday liturgy.

John died a martyr, a witness to the one, true God. His martyrdom is celebrated by the Church with a memorial on Aug. 29. Yet even if John had not been a martyr, the Church would, no doubt, have still celebrated his life and ministry as the herald of Jesus Christ our Savior.

The solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the Church's oldest celebrations introduced into both the Eastern and Western liturgies. It was publicly observed as early as the fourth century. June 24 was eventually chosen as the date for the solemnity because Scripture tells us John was conceived six months before Jesus (see Lk 1:36). Presumably, then, John was born about six months before Christ, and Christ's nativity was celebrated on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.



**Join us for  
Bible Study  
1st and 3rd Thursday  
1:00 & 7:00 PM  
Via ZOOM**

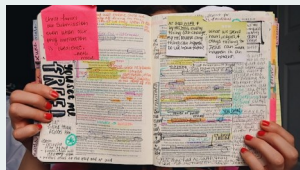
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**7:00 pm Meeting  
ID 811 5705 8134  
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## Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently approved a new pastoral letter - **Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love** – examining the “persistent” history of racism in this nation. Fr. Simon Kim, Director of Intercultural Initiatives at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, served on the original drafting committee and offers the following summary:

As bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States, we want to address one particularly destructive and persistent form of evil. Despite many promising strides made in our country, racism still infects our nation (3).

The 2018 Pastoral Letter against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, by the USCCB addresses a growing concern in our country based on a continuous history of discrimination and violence along with extreme nationalist ideologies (4). With a posture of humility, the words of the prophet Micah are highlighted in the letter as a way of acknowledging that history of racism as a call to overcome the sins of omission when it comes to combating racism and in working for racial reconciliation: *“You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God”* (Mi 6:8)

“The persistence of the evil of racism is why we are writing this letter now. People are still being harmed, so action is needed (7)” say the Bishops. It is also fitting, they note, that this statement was released on the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the Bishops point to Dr. King’s leadership which includes both ecumenical and interreligious collaboration as the way

to address the roots of racism embedded in this country’s policies and institutions (28-29). Racism, then, not only resides within our hearts, but also in social structures of our culture and institutions (5). Therefore, justice is required where we must put our world into right relationships with God, one another, and creation.







## Msgr Loretto (Mac) Gonzalez Celebrating 45 Years a Priest

Please Join us  
**THIS Sunday, June 25, 2023**  
Following the 10:00 am Mass

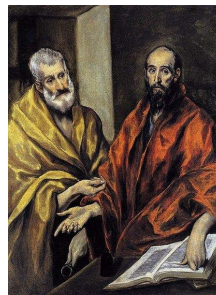


### Daily and Sunday St. Bernadette Church.

To request an intention please include the following: 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?

**June 29: The Feast Day of Sts. Peter & Paul.** As early as the year 258, there is evidence of a lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of Saints Peter and Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. **St Peter**, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. St Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. **St. Paul** was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven.



### Parish Retreat July 22, 2023

For More Information?  
See the Flyer on the Back of the Bulletin  
or Contact Carolyn James



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



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

JUNE 26 2023  
MONDAY  
TO JULY 02, 2023  
13TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday, June 26, 2023

8:00 am  
Communion Service

#### Tuesday, June 27, 2023

8:00 am  
Communion Service

#### Wednesday, June 28, 2023

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

#### Thursday, June 29, 2023

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

#### Friday, June 30, 2023

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

#### Saturday, July 01, 2023

3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday, July 02, 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 June 24, 2023:**

**Mr. Molten A. Harbison Jr. (RIP)**

**Sr. Betty A Harbison (Birthday)**

**Sr. Betty A Harbison (Canonical Year)**

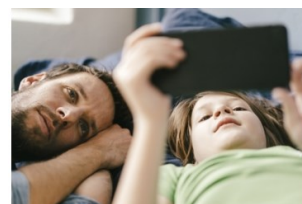
**Sunday, June 25, 2023:**

**Jerry and Phyllis Lun (Living)**

## Did you know? June 24/25 Friend your Children on-Line

One way to stay up-to-date on what your children are doing online is to actively follow their accounts on social media. Consider including a "friend" policy in your family's social media rules, where your child has to accept your friend request and give you open access to what they are viewing and posting. Make sure you have your children turn off any settings that allow them to limit how much information friends can view on their pages. You might also consider sharing a password so you can access their direct messages.

**For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article "5 Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).**



## All are Invited

Going on a retreat is a powerful way to process what is happening in your life. When you make the decision to escape (in a good way), you give yourself the time to reflect and heal without the constraints of your 'to-do' list and the demands of everyone around you. You give yourself the gift of self-care ... to be taken care of and put first. Giving yourself this gift can revive your soul, begin a journey of healing, and open yourself up to opportunities. It is a gift. A gift to give to you with love and care from you.

## St. Bernadette Catholic Church

*Women Moving in the Spirit*

*Presents*

**"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray"**

*Carolyn James, Presenter*

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



*Matthew 6: 9-13*

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Hall  
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Continental Breakfast and Lunch

\$25 Registration Fee

Everyone is invited

**Bring Your Bible!**

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP By July 17, 2023

*Please Make Your Check Payable to St. Bernadette Catholic Church*

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