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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 13: 1-23

The Parable of the Sower

The parable of the Sower is one of a small number of parables reported in all three of the synoptic Gospels. It is also one of an even smaller group of parables Jesus explained to His disciples. The seed sown was “the word of the kingdom” (Matthew 13:19), “the word” (Mark 4:14), or “the word of God” (Luke 8:11)—the teachings of the Master and His servants.

The different soils on which the seeds fell represent different ways in which mortals receive and follow these teachings. Thus the seeds which “fell by the way side” (Mark 4:4) have not reached mortal soil where they might possibly grow. They are like teachings which fall upon a heart hardened or unprepared. Those of us who have committed to be followers of Christ. What do we do with the Savior’s teachings as we live our lives?

The parable of the Sower warns us of circumstances and attitudes which can keep anyone who has received the seed of the gospel message from bringing forth a goodly harvest. Jesus explained that “the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience” (Luke 8:15). We have the seed of the gospel word. It is up to each of us to set the priorities and to do the things that make our soil good and our harvest plentiful. We must seek to be firmly rooted and converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Parable of the Sower



We are Looking for Lectors

Those who proclaim God's word in the liturgy are known as Lectors. It is an ancient teaching in the Church, Christ is truly present in His Word: the Word is spoken, heard and acted upon. Answering the call to become a Lector, enters one into a deeper relationship with God as he is revealed in Sacred Scripture. To be Lector is a commitment of service.

The ministry of Lector is one of the most visible roles of service at Mass. It is through the Lector the Word of God is proclaimed to the people through the Old and New Testament readings. In the ministry of Lector, God's Word is spoken to God's people. God's Word has power and has challenges as it comforts and builds up our community of faith. **If you are interested in joining our Lector Ministry Please Contact Lawrence Reney at lrtrojandado2@gmail.com or (213)999-4491 We especially need Lectors for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass.**



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

July 14: St. Kateri Tekawitha

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan. Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal. Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.



Join us for Bible Study

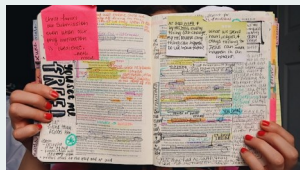
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7

Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962



Please join us Sunday, following the 10 AM Mass to Celebrate Fr Mbata's 11th Ordination Anniversary: What is ordination?

Ordination is the sacramental ceremony in which a man becomes a deacon, priest, or bishop and enabled to minister in Christ's name and in the name of the Church. The ordination of a Priest includes various rituals, rich in meaning and history, e.g., prostration, laying on of hands, anointing of hands, giving of the chalice and paten, and the sign of peace. A man has to engage in a challenging program of priestly formation which lasts from five to thirteen years, depending upon his background and the seminary he attends. Seminaries address four types of formation: human, spiritual, academic (intellectual) and pastoral. In addition to the academic course work, seminarians participate in a full schedule of spiritual activities, e.g., daily mass, Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer), and spiritual direction and retreats. Please join us in the Parish Hall.

The Role of Sacristans The Sacristan prepares and oversees the articles and elements required for the Liturgy so all the members of the worshipping community can take their full, conscious and active part in the liturgical celebration. The sacristan knows the meaning and purpose of the liturgy as well as the needs of the particular liturgical assembly, and works carefully to provide the members with the liturgical items needed for a meaningful, prayerful, and active celebration. The church building must be opened and lit, cleaned and decorated for the celebration. Bread and wine must be in place, vessels and vestments available, linens in order, seating arrangements made, microphones set, books and candles set out. These are examples of some of the duties which are performed diligently for the celebration of Mass by our Sacristans. **We are currently looking for two people to fill this role (4:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 Sunday) We Will Train You!**

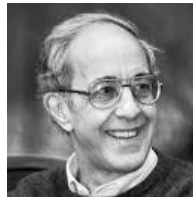




Join us for Coffee and Donuts
WHEN? After 10:00 Mass Every Sunday!
WHERE? In the Hall

“Thus, nothing can be written about ministry without a deeper understanding of the ways in which ministers can make their own wounds available as a source of healing.”

- Henri Nowen



Mass Intentions: Daily and Sunday at 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?



Our Lady of Fatima The Fatima Tour for Peace Spreading the Message of Fatima Today

Our Lady travels the world

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is recognized as the primary way in which the message of Fatima spread throughout the world and continues today. Sculpted by Jose Thedim—“the Michelangelo of Portugal”—the statue has been traveling internationally since 1947. She has since traveled to over 100 countries, claiming her dominion and carrying Fatima's blessings and urgent message to people worldwide.

And, she may be coming to St Bernadette Church. Stay Tuned

DON'T MISS THIS!

**Our Very Popular “Friday Prayer Group”
Resumes Friday, July 14, 2023 in the Rectory**

**For More Information: Dolly Guidry
(323) 293-0056**



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**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

JULY 17, 2023

MONDAY

TO JULY 23, 2023

15TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 17, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Thursday, July 20, 2023**

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Friday, July 21, 2023**

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Saturday, July 22, 2023**

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 23, 2023

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Parish Hall

Following Mass

Other Sacraments

(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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***LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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DCN EMILE ADAMS, RIP
DAVID CHRISTENSEN
EMANUEL HOLDER
CLARENCE DIXON
MARGARITA HURST
MARINA AYALA

(OFFICE VOLUNTEERS)
TERESA CARPER

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

Saturday July 15, 2023:

Josephine Nabry, RIP

Sunday, July 16, 2023:

Margaret Bacon, RIP

Did you know? July 15-16 Protect children with disabilities

Children living with disabilities are nearly three times more at risk for abuse and maltreatment, compared to children who do not have special needs. This mistreatment can range from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. Safe adults can help prevent this abuse, by recognizing the higher risk for these children and being alert to any signs of abuse. Because parents and caregivers of these children are at increased risk of stress and isolation, abuse may be harder to spot. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization"](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)



St. Bernadette KPC Ladies Auxiliary, Court #162
invite you to



**with Our Annual School Supply Round-up July 9th
to August 3rd, 2023**

All Parishioners who would like to participate this year, we are encouraging you to purchase school supplies and backpacks in preparation of our students returning to the classroom; There are several ways to participate this year:

1. Shop at your local stores to purchase school supplies & backpacks (i.e. Target, Staples, Office Depot, Dollar Tree, 99 Cent Store, Rite Aid, Walgreens, etc.) and Bring items to the church rectory.

Or 2. If you prefer to Shop from Home, go to www.amazon.com Then type in **Elementary School Supply Pack** and have shipped directly to the church:

KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court #162
c/o St. Bernadette Church Rectory
3825 Don Felipe Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90008.

Or 3. You are welcome to Mail-in or Drop-off your donation by making the check Payable to: "St. Bernadette KPC Ladies Auxiliary, Court #162" and in the memo section please put "School Supplies".

Please submit your generous gift or donation **on or before August 3rd 2023.**

We will have the School Supply Blessing and Giveaway during Mass on Saturday-August 5th at 4 PM and Sunday-August 6th at 10 AM.

School Supplies
needed:
Lined Paper
Pad for Preschoolers
Pens
Pencils
Pencil Sharpener
Eraser
Glue
Binders
Scissors
Spiral Notebooks
Coloring Crayons
Color Pencils
Washable Markers
Highlighters
Rulers
Pocket Folders
Pencil Pouches
Mini Staplers
Packs of Tissue
Hand Sanitizers
Masks
*All backpacks will be
disbursed to the chil-
dren and teens of our
parish*