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# **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 13:44-52** ***"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field..."***

The lesson of the two parables in today's reading, is as true for us, as it was for those to whom Christ spoke. We are called to imitate the two wise men, and surrender our earthly possessions, if necessary, in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean we are expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. It is not the only way. Heaven is within the reach of all, who partake of this world's joys and pleasures *within the framework of God's commandments*. We should never lose sight of the goal. We need not take a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only those we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold from others in need. We need not take a vow of chastity, and yet we must use the gifts and the pleasure of sex only within the limits set down by God's laws. This is not easy, but we are not relying on human nature. We have the Church; all the spiritual and supernatural aid we need. We are so engrossed in chasing earthly comforts and pleasures



devoid of any spiritual outlook. Even those who believe in eternity after death, find it hard to allow their faith and convictions to govern and direct their daily actions. The evil example of others will never justify our wrong-doing. The commandments of God are still binding, even though they are openly and flagrantly violated by individuals and whole nations today.

## **What are Service, Peace and Justice Ministries?**

We are called, as individuals and as a church to seek "peaceful solutions", create and support peace-related ministries. We are also called to learn about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve, by peaceful means, every dispute which arises between or among them. The Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, can and should provide leadership for social transformation.

We recognize and renew our call for social transformation, for the quest to open the doors of opportunity for all, to distribute resources more equitably, and to provide better care for persons in need. We can witness this "social transformation" daily. It is alive and well at the window of our Christian Service Kitchen. We see it in the faces of our "Get on the Bus" families, as they prepare to board buses to visit incarcerated loved ones. And, in the faces of seniors, who reside in care facilities, when they receive hand-knotted blankets from our Junior Daughters. Thanks be to God!



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

## July 31: St Ignatius of Loyola July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, was a Spanish Catholic priest and theologian, who, with six companions, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits), and became its first Superior General, in Paris in 1541. Ignatius envisioned the purpose of the Society of Jesus to be missionary work and teaching. In addition to the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty of other religious orders in the church, Loyola instituted a fourth vow for Jesuits of obedience to the Pope, to engage in projects ordained by the pontiff. Jesuits were instrumental in leading the Counter-Reformation. As a former soldier, Ignatius paid particular attention to the spiritual formation of his recruits and recorded his method in the *Spiritual Exercises* (1548). In time, the method has become known as Ignatian spirituality. He was beatified in 1609 and was canonized as a saint on 12 March 1622.

His feast day is celebrated on 31 July. He is the patron saint of the Basque provinces of Gipuzkoa and Biscay as well as of the Society of Jesus. He was declared patron saint of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922. While recovering from surgery, Íñigo underwent a spiritual conversion and discerned a call to the religious life. In order to divert the weary hours of convalescence, he asked for the romances of chivalry, his favourite reading, but there were none in the castle, and instead his beloved sister-in-law, Magdalena de Araoz brought him the lives of Christ and of the saints. The religious work which most particularly struck him was the "De Vita Christi" by Ludolph of Saxony. This book would influence his whole life, inspiring him to devote himself to God and follow the example of Francis of Assisi and other great monks. In 1539, with Peter Faber and Francis Xavier, Ignatius formed the Society of Jesus, which was approved in 1540 by Pope Paul III. He was chosen as the first Superior General of the order and invested with the title of "Father General" by the Jesuits. Ignatius sent his companions on missions across Europe to create schools, colleges, and seminaries. Ignatius died in Rome on 31 July 1556, probably of the "Roman Fever", a severe variant of malaria which was endemic in Rome throughout medieval history.



### Join us for Bible Study

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

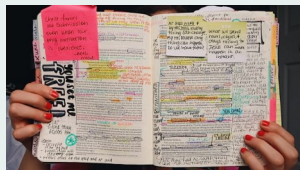
**1:00 pm Meeting**  
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**Contact:**  
**Carolyn James**  
**(323) 394-5441**

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

**Contact:**  
**Elsie Dixon**  
**(310) 410-2962**



### Most notably Holy Days during August

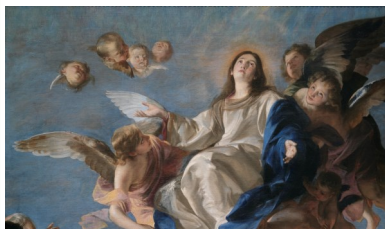
**Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6)**  
**Feast of the Assumption (August 15).**  
**Feasts of St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1),**  
**St. Dominic (August 8),**  
**Queenship of Mary (August 22)**  
**Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (August 29th)**

### What is the Difference Between the Ascension of Jesus and the Assumption of Mary???

The essential difference is: Jesus **ascends** of His own power and will because He is divine. On the other hand, Mary does not raise herself. God raises her; she is taken up (or "assumed into") heaven. The Assump-



tion of Mary and the Ascension of the Lord are two different events. At the same time, both of them indicate a way of elevation for us, human and spiritual, to which we are all called. The beauty of these callings is they invite interior growth, renovation and transformation in our lives. Furthermore, these celebrations of our Church remind us "death" is not the end of our human story. Death is just a transition to the true life with God; life eternal in the fullness of God's love. The Ascension is not a separation of Jesus from our reality here on earth. On the contrary, as Jesus ascends into heaven to be at the right hand of God the Father, He is



bringing together heaven and earth so the Glory of God may shower us more fully. Finally, the purpose of this closeness between heaven and earth is the commissioning of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, to continue the work of Jesus. The Church is called to be a missionary Church.





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

***“The important thing is to do charity, not to talk about charity. We must understand the work with very poor people as God’s chosen mission.”***

***~Irmã Dulce Lopes Pontes***

**Originally the month of August had a special feast of the Virgin Mary which was in response to World War II and Fatima.**

In the Catholic Church there grew over time specific “devotions” that were assigned to each month of the year. The month of June became associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the feast of the Sacred Heart always falls within that month. August became known as a month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but currently it is difficult to know why this is the case. There exists no particular feast and the main celebration in August is the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on August 15. The reason why August became associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary is because of World War II and the devotion of Pope Pius XII to Our Lady of Fatima.



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**JULY 31, 2023  
 MONDAY  
 TO AUGUST 6TH, 2023  
 TRANSFIGURATION**

**Monday, July 31, 2023**

**No Service or  
 Adoration**

**Tuesday, August 01, 2023**

**No Service or  
 Adoration**

**Wednesday, August 02, 2023**

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

**\*Thursday, August 03, 2023**

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

**\*Friday, August 04, 2023**

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

**\*Saturday, August 05, 2023**

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

**Sunday, August 06, 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**

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



**with Our Annual School Supply Round-up July 9<sup>th</sup>  
 to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023.  
 We will have the School Supply Blessing and Giveaway during Mass on Saturday-August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM and Sunday-August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

**School Supplies Still needed:**

**Lined Paper, Pads for Preschoolers,  
 Pens, Pencils, Pencil Sharpener,  
 Eraser, Glue, Binders,  
 Scissors, Spiral Notebooks,  
 Coloring Crayons,  
 Colored Pencils,  
 Washable Markers,  
 Highlighters, Rulers,  
 Pocket Folders, Masks  
 Pencil Pouches, Mini Staplers  
**Packs of Tissue Hand Sanitizer**  
**All backpacks will be disbursed**  
**to the children and teens**  
**of our parish****

**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**



**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**

## PARISH STAFF

DCN JIM CARPER, PLD  
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FR MARCELLINUS MBATA  
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 29, 2023:**

**Sr Betty Harbison (Safe Travel)**

**Sunday, July 30, 2023:**

**Loretta Davis, RIP**

**Clifford C. Snow, RIP**

### Did you know? July 29-30

#### Why is it important to screen volunteers and staff?

A screening process for hiring new staff members or volunteers is critical to protecting children, because this process makes it harder for abusers to gain access to potential victims. When organizations are careful about screening, it sends a message that they are committed to preventing child abuse. Screening practices can include requiring standard application information, or thorough references and criminal background checks. For more information on screening processes, read the VIRTUS® article “The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). Read the VIRTUS® article “The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers”

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YOU'RE INVITED TO  
SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**FREE**



**FREE**

WITH FREE PIZZA & BEVERAGES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH 5PM  
EL SÁBADO, EL DÍA 19 DE AGOSTO 5PM

PARISH HALL (SALON DE LA IGLESIA)  
3825 DON FELIPE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90008



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT  
SPACE IS LIMITED  
LLAMAR A LA PARROQUIA PARA HACER RESERVACIONES  
ESPACIO ES LIMITADO

323-293-4877

CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.  
HAGA LA LLAMADA HOY Y DEJE UN RECADO CON TU NOMBRE, LA CANTIDAD DE PERSONAS EN TU FAMILIA Y TU CELULAR. MENORES TIENEN QUE ESTAR ACOMPAÑADOS CON UN ADULTO.