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***“If he refuses. Let him be to you as a Gentile or a Tax Collector”*** Matthew 18:20 reveals the church is not invisible. There is a visible aspect such that you can be an outsider. You can know and be able to identify one who is not a part of the Christian community, namely those who disobey the judgment of the church. There is a second implication:

there is a rank of authority. Not everyone in the church of Jesus has the same authority. There are some in the church who have the authority to make and pronounce judgements which exclude other members of the church from the Christian community if they do not adhere to the judgment of the church. It is also an authority to make judgments and settle issues and to exclude those who do not adhere to the judgment of the Christian community. Matthew 18 not only reveals visible boundaries which constitute membership in the Christian community, it also reveals higher ranks of authority to make these judgements and exclude those who are disobeying. Jesus clearly states “If he refuses to listen to the church, treat him as a Gentile or a tax collector.” The apostles are given “judicial authority” to govern the Israel of God in a new covenant; to make pronouncements about what is a legally binding for the Christian people and what is not. They are also given authority to exclude people from the Christian community if they are not living according to the Christian way of life, if they are disobeying what the church judges to be the way of life and how we ought to do things.

### Grandparents Day: September 10, 2023

National Grandparents Day has more than one origin. Some people consider it to have been first proposed by Michael Goldgar in the 1970s after he visited his aunt in an Atlanta nursing home, Spending \$11,000 of his own money in lobbying efforts to have the day officially recognized, he made 17 trips to Washington DC over a seven-year span to meet with legislators. Others consider Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia, to have been the main driver for the day of observance. Throughout the 1970s McQuade worked hard to educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens made and the contributions that they would be willing to make if asked. She also urged people to adopt a grandparent, not for one day a year and not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience. National Grandparents Day was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Marian McQuade received a phone call from the White House to advise her of this event. Many people believe that National Grandparents Day was inspired by her efforts. A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official – it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (being the “first Sunday of September following Labor Day”) as National Grandparents Day.



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*God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out?*

*He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.*



**September 13: St John Chrysostom (347 – 14 September 407)** was an important Early Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, his Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and his ascetic sensibilities.

The epithet Χρυσόστομος (Chrysostomos, anglicized as Chrysostom) means "golden-mouthed" in Greek and denotes his celebrated eloquence and preaching abilities. Chrysostom was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church, although both Origen of Alexandria and Augustine of Hippo exceeded Chrysostom. His straightforward understanding of the Scriptures – in contrast to the Alexandrian tendency towards “allegorical interpretation” – meant the themes of his talks were practical, explaining the Bible's application to everyday life. Such straightforward preaching helped Chrysostom to garner popular support. One incident during his service in Antioch illustrates the influence of his homilies. When Chrysostom arrived in Antioch, Flavian, the bishop of the city, had to intervene with emperor Theodosius I on behalf of citizens who had gone on a rampage mutilating statues of the emperor and his family. During the weeks of Lent in 387, John preached more than twenty homilies in which he entreated the people to see the error of their ways. These made a lasting impression on the general population of the city: many pagans converted to Christianity as a result of the homilies.

The city was ultimately spared from severe consequences. He is honored as a saint in the Oriental Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. The Eastern Orthodox, together with Byzantine Catholics, hold him in special regard as one of the Three Holy Hierarchs (alongside Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus).



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**First Communion Orientation Has Been Moved to?**  
**Sunday, September 17**  
**9:00 AM In the Parish Hall**



**Join us for  
Bible Study**

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

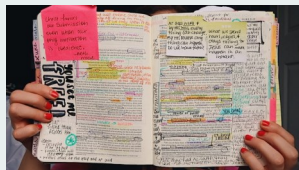
**1:00 pm Meeting**  
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**7:00 pm Meeting**  
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### **The Unfolding story of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

**MIRACLES OF TEARS:**  
**New Orleans, LA: July 1972**

During Her tour of the New Orleans diocese, the statue shed tears on numerous occasions. This was the first time the press reported the miracles of tears from the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Although tears have run from Her glass eyes numerous times before, none of those had gained much attention. This time the press began to report it, large crowds flocked around and even Archbishop Hanann was asked to comment by reporters. He

took the statue and had it investigated. That was the first time it was discovered that the moisture was human tears and also the first time photos began to circulate. The statue has shed tears very frequently ever since.

The miracle of tears is something that is often reported. It happens in more than one way. Frequently, an individual sees the tears on the statue while others at the same time do not. Perhaps this is mystical and not physical. But other times all present see the same thing and the tears can be wiped away causing dampness on the cloth. This then is a physical miracle. Regarding the number of times it has occurred, most go undocumented, and almost all go without publicity. Therefore, although we know it has shed tears dozens, and probably hundreds of times, only a few have been published.

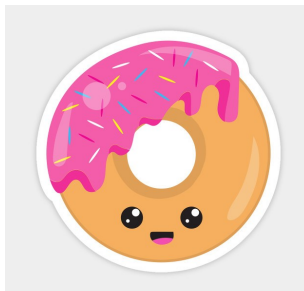
**Sacraments are more than mere signs. The sacraments impart grace. The sacraments help to make people holy and build-up the body of Christ. They are a way to relate to God throughout life's transitions and help us to give praise and worship to God. They help us nourish, strengthen, and express our faith.**





**BE A COFFEE AND DONUTS HERO!**  
**We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"**  
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**Ministry, a Local**  
**Business Owner,**  
**a Service Organization.**

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**OF THE (ONE TIME) WEEKLY COST TO THE**  
**CHURCH, AND WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.**  
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### **Patriot Day a National Day of Service and Remembrance 911**

"On September 11, 2001, ordinary Americans performed extraordinary acts of heroism. Firefighters and police officers rushed into crumbling buildings and raging fires to save others. EMTs, construction workers, colleagues, and strangers tended to the wounded. Passengers and crewmembers gave their lives to thwart another attack. And a generation of women and men answered the call of duty by joining our Armed Forces to defend our freedom and our democracy."



**Pray the Rosary Every Monday and Friday**  
**9:00 am PST ON ZOOM**

<https://www.zoom.us/joi>

Meeting ID: 858-554-0776      Password: *jesus*



**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**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**  
**MONDAY**  
**TO SUNDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

#### **Monday, September 11, 2023**

##### **Patriot Day**

**8:00 Communion Service**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

**8:00 Communion Service**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023**

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

#### **\*Thurs, September 14, 2023**

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

#### **\*Friday, September 15, 2023**

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

#### **\*Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023**

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

#### **Sunday, September 17, 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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#### 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 September 09, 2023:**

**All the Parishioners of St Bernadette Church**

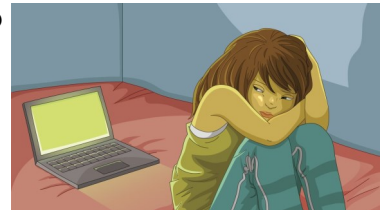
**Sunday, September 10, 2023:**

**Christopher Asher (RIP), Donald Foster (RIP)**

**\*Suggested Donation? \$10.00 each\***

#### Did you know? September 9-10 Online relationships and abuse

Parents and caregivers need to be aware of the many ways predators can develop online relationships with their victims. Predators often seek out children or teens who share a lot of information about themselves online and use that information to build “friendships” they can then use to their advantage. They may pretend to share the same interests or insecurities, offer excessive compliments, or claim to have access to desired items, usually drugs or alcohol. To learn more about what to watch out for when your children are online, read the VIRTUS® article “Online Child Sexual Exploitation” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



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#### FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA  
WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, USA — OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY

The Beautiful image of Our Lady of Fatima was designed by famous sculptor José Thedim in 1947. Sister Lucia instructed him, and later remarked she had never seen an image which so resembled the actual apparition of Our Lady. The Bishop of Fatima entrusted the image to John Haffert, co-founder of the Blue Army, and prayed Mary herself accompany the statue wherever it goes. It has traveled around the globe many times for nearly 70 years. In 2014, the statue was placed under the auspice of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA and continues its pilgrim journeys today. An uninterrupted flow of graces and favors have been reported wherever the statue has traveled, including physical cures (which can only be officially pronounced by Church authorities), and numerous conversions. The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue tours is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation to the many millions of people who may never have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself.