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“...am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Matthew 20:16

Coveting lies at the heart of this parable, Jesus’ teaching in this Gospel, and the overarching emphasis in Matthew on the Law and Jesus’ representation of it in a way which transforms our thinking and doing. *We covet what God chooses to give others.* We are invited to see ourselves in the story, and then apply it to our own lives. The wages at stake (even at the moment of Jesus’ first telling of the parable) are not actual daily wages for vineyard-laborers, but forgiveness, life, and salvation for believers. We need not “be laborers in a vineyard”. We are all, however, co-workers in the kingdom of God. The point here is not others receiving blessings from God we do not. Or, receiving more or better or lovelier gifts from God. The problem is: they get the same as us; and they do not deserve it, do they? They are less worthy, or later arrivals, or just plain worse sinners. Not *nothing* maybe, but certainly not the same. We have a tendency, as the parable aptly illustrates, to covet and to be resentful of what others receive from God. The owner of the vineyard asks those who have worked longest, and (presumably) hardest, for him, “Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” The point being: ***God’s grace, mercy, and forgiveness are God’s to give away as God sees fit.***

Shout Out to the St Vincent De Paul Society! More than a “Thrift Store!”

The ***St Vincent De Paul Society*** is a Catholic charity serving the poor and homeless of any religion for free. The organization has over 2,500 volunteers in LA, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties who meet with the disadvantaged in their homes, in an effort to provide food, clothing, furniture, appliances, rental and other forms of financial assistance. The organization also operates food pantries and soup kitchens, and a homeless program for men on Skid Row in LA providing access to housing for over 100 men a year. St. Vincent de Paul/Los Angeles is an international, Catholic volunteer organization which serves the needy of any religious background free of charge. The Charity was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a compassionate college student, Frederic Ozanam. For over 100 years Vincentian volunteers have served the suffering in Southern California.



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God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out? He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.

**September 27: St Vincent de Paul** (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660)

Saint Vincent de Paul, was an Occitan French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. In 1622 Vincent was appointed a chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the superior of what, is now known as, the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians" (in France known as "Lazaristes"), which he co-founded. These Vincentian priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when the local clergy's morals were flagging. He was a pioneer in seminary education and also founded the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. He is the namesake of the Vincentian Family of organizations, which includes both of the religious communities he founded. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. Vincent was canonized in 1737 and is venerated as a saint in both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.

***Priesthood Sunday (September 24, 2023)**

A special day set aside to honor our Priests. Please reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Confirmation Orientation
Sunday, September 24, 2023 11:30 am PDST
Parish Hall



**Join us for
Bible Study**

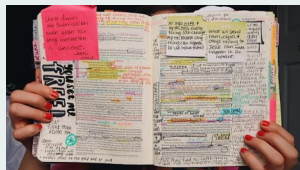
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472

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(323) 394-5441

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

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(310) 410-2962



The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been traveling for 75 years, will be at our parish on October

After being blessed by the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, on October 13, 1947, the statue left Fatima and was flown to America to begin its tours. The bishop prayed Our Lady's presence would travel with it, wherever she went. It was blessed again in 1952 by Pope Pius XII, who had crowned the original statue in Fatima as Queen of the World just a few years earlier.

The mission of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is to bring the message of Fatima—the Peace Plan from Heaven—to a world in need. Our Lord told Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three seers at Fatima, he had entrusted the peace of the world to the Immaculate Heart. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited more than 100 countries, bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the Virgin Statue has traveled. We hope you will come and experience the blessings of Our Lady during this special statue visitation, Here at St Bernadette Church sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA – Our Lady's Blue Army.

Please submit your Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements
AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

If you have questions?

Please contact the office at (323) 293-4877



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DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!!!

WE WANT YOUR BAGS!!! Paper & Plastic

Christian Service Needs your used grocery bags. Simply place them in the baskets located at the church entrances. THANK YOU!!!



Clergy Appreciation Sunday is October 08, 2023.

(Not to be confused with Priesthood Sunday on September 24)

Please take the opportunity to thank Msgr. Mac and Fr. Mbata.

Thank you for sacrificing the fulfillment of 'making it in the world' to give us the chance to make it in the next world. They are

"assigned", not "hired." You put your own will at the disposal of

the church, for us. We are grateful. Thank you for bringing our children into the church and sustaining their souls with the sacraments; for welcoming them into the church informally, as well. They look upon you like celebrities, and we are glad the first "celebrity" they met was a man of God. Thank you for patiently listening to them, for taking such joy in joking with them, and for showing them the true face of Christ: the gentle one who said, 'let the children come to me.' Thank you for presiding over our marriages It is hard for us to imagine how you do it. Thank you for risking loneliness, to serve us and our families. We also thank you for putting yourself in the unenviable position of dealing with us at our worst moments — when we are anxious, upset, depressed, even a little out of our minds, focused on our own problems to the exclusion of all else. When we see the care, you take listening to the problems of so many people, we cannot imagine how you do it. How do you listen to angry people, whining people, weeping people, nervous people, suspicious people and clueless people? How **do you** listen to us?

Thank you, for sitting in empty confessionals on Saturday afternoons. You wait there, not knowing if we will come, like the prodigal son's father on the road. Thank you for all the times we hear, 'I absolve you from your sins,' and feel a great burden lifted from our hearts. This gift of God's forgiveness brings the greatest joy back into our lives. We can give you nothing in return except our gratitude. **And... thank you, most of all, for bringing Christ into our lives. Where would we be without your astonishing ability to make the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ present on our altars and in our tabernacles? You are there for us every Sunday, every morning, giving us this infinite gift. Thank you.**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

MONDAY

TO SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 01, 2023

Monday, September 25, 2023

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Sts Cosmos and Damian

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023

St Vincent DePaul 8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Thurs. September 28, 2023

Sts Wenceslaus; St Lawrence

Ruiz and Companions

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Friday, September 29, 2023

Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023

St Jerome

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 01, 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 23, 2023:

Jane Albrook Wilson and Nicole Wilson

Sunday, September 24, 2023:

Antoine Dourousse (RIP) Michael Jolivet (RIP)

Monday, September 25, 2023:

Sylvia Ojeda (Illness)

**Please remember them in your daily prayers as well*

Did You Know? Sept 23/24 Why it's important not to dismiss a child's everyday emotions?

A key part of creating a safe environment is being a trusted adult to the children in your care. Children who have been abused are more likely to confide in a trusted adult whom they know will listen to and believe them. For this reason, it is important to affirm a child's everyday emotions, including anger or fear. Far too often, adults tell children "you're fine," or "get over it," in response to what a child perceives as a true emotional problem, but an adult may see as an inconvenience or insignificant event. Affirming a child's feelings while still helping them work through their issue productively will help create a bond of trust. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Overcoming the confusing paradox we teach children about emotions and safety" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. [Read the VIRTUS® article "Overcoming the confusing paradox we teach children about emotions and safety" here.](#)



FAITH & BLUE

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2023 - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL
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PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

Where:
St. Bernadette
Catholic Church
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When:
October 20-22, 2023

Schedule:
To Be Determined

Contact:

See full tour schedule at:
Fatimatourforpeace.com/tours/

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