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***'Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.'*** Matthew 20:16

The father represents God. The first son represents the tax collectors & prostitutes. They said no to God initially, but when they heard the message of the kingdom, they changed their minds and began to do God's will. The second son represents the chief priests & elders. They said yes to God, but when they heard the message, they did not act. The vineyard represents Israel – the people of God. Those who refuse God but later repent and obey, like the first son, will go into the kingdom. And they will go in before those who say yes, but don't obey God, like the second son. (Indeed the leaders won't get in at all unless they repent.) Jesus gives his strong affirmation to this lesson when he says, "Truly I say to you." He is saying, 'take note!' 'This is absolutely the truth.'

Finally, notice how Jesus forces them to answer. The only possible answer to his question is that the first son did the father's will. Yet the first son undeniably represents well repentant sinners – those moral outcasts that these leaders looked down on. And the leaders look very much like the second son, in that they did not take heed to the message of the kingdom. So they, in effect, condemn themselves.



### **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month** is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment,

and cure. Cancer is a broad term for a class of diseases characterized by abnormal cells which grow and invade healthy cells in the body. Breast cancer starts in the cells of the breast as a group of cancer cells which can then invade surrounding tissues or spread (metastasize) to other areas of the body. Breast cancer occurs when malignant tumors develop in the breast. These cells can spread by breaking away from the original tumor and entering blood vessels or lymph vessels, which branch into tissues throughout the body. When cancer cells travel to other parts of the body and begin damaging other tissues and organs, the process is called "metastasis." Several years ago we lost our beloved parish secretary, Vicki Race to this dreaded disease.



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### **October 04 Feast of St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)**

Francis was the son of Pietro di Bernardone, a cloth merchant, and the lady Pica, who may have come from France. At Francis's birth, his father was away on a business trip to France, and his mother had him baptized Giovanni. On his return, however, Pietro changed the infant's name to Francesco because of either his interest in France or his wife's background. In 1202 he took part in a war between Assisi and Perugia, was held prisoner for almost a year, and on his release fell seriously ill. After his recovery, he attempted to join the papal forces under Count Gentile against the emperor Frederick II in Apulia in late 1205. On his

journey, however, he had a vision or dream that bade him return to Assisi and await the call to a new kind of knighthood. On his return, he dedicated himself to solitude and prayer so he might know God's will for him. Probably no one in history has set out as seriously as did Francis to imitate the life of Christ and to carry out so literally Christ's work in Christ's own way.

This is the key to the character and spirit of St. Francis and helps explain his veneration for the Eucharist (the body and blood of Christ) and respect for the priests who handled the elements of the communion sacrament. To neglect this point is to present an unbalanced portrait of the saint as a lover of nature, a social worker, an itinerant preacher, and a celebrant of poverty. Francis considered all nature as the mirror of God and as so many steps to God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters," and, in the most endearing stories about him, preached to the birds and persuaded a wolf to stop attacking the people of the town of Gubbio and their livestock if the townspeople agreed to feed the wolf. In 1212 Francis organized a second order, one for women, that became known as the Poor Clares. He gave a religious habit, or dress, similar to his own to the noblewoman later known as St. Clare (Clara) of Assisi and then lodged her and a few companions in the church of San Damiano, where they were joined by women of Assisi.

**Join us for  
Bible Study**

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

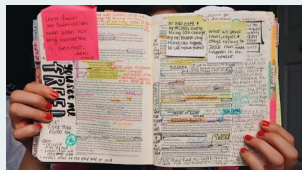
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**7:00 pm Meeting  
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### **The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue is coming to St Bernadette Church October 19-22, 2023**

St Bernadette Church sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA – Our Lady's Blue Army.

**October is Dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Here's a Tentative Schedule**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023 at approximately 7:00 PM**

**Statue Arrives: There will be "Welcoming Ceremony" followed by placement of the statue and a brief Prayer Service**

**Friday, October 20, 2023**

**8:00 am Mass followed by availability of the statue for viewing. The day will include time for prayer, veneration including, but not limited to Rosaries and daily prayers ending with a Candle Light procession (CLOSE 5:00 pm)**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

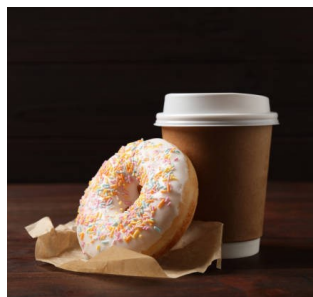
**8:00 am Mass followed by availability of the statue for viewing. The day will include time for prayer, veneration including, but not limited to Rosaries and daily prayers ending with 4:00 pm Mass (Reception to follow)**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**Doors Open 8:00 am. 10:00 am Mass followed by availability of the statue for viewing. The day will include time for prayer, veneration including, but not limited to Rosaries and daily prayers ending with a Candle Light procession (approximately 5:00 pm)**

**NOTE: Schedule is Subject to change**

**Please be advised: you are welcome to bring rosaries or other religious articles, which will be touched to the Statue by the ushers**



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**and Pulpit Announcements**  
**AT LEAST**  
**TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**  
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### **Worship in Pink: Sunday Healing Mass October 08, 2023 10:00 AM**

St. Bernadette Church has partnered with Susan G. Komen Community Health for this very worthwhile cause. Breast Cancer is a disease which has impacted many of our parish families; not the least of which our Parish Secretary Vicki Race and the sister of our Parish Administrator, Linda (Carper) Wilson

As pink ambassadors, we join other faith-based communities of all denominations across the USA during October to worship, bring awareness, and educate our congregations on breast cancer. We are focused on the importance of taking control of our Parish Community's health for both Women and men; as well as giving providing information about Komen's Patient Care Center.

At the Mass on October 08, we will honor and celebrate the lives of our survivors and pray for those living with or who have been impacted by breast cancer. Anyone who needs physical or spiritual healing can receive a blessing at this time. Parishioners are encouraged to wear Pink. You are also encouraged to bring pictures of your loved ones who have lost their fight against Cancer. The pictures will be placed on the altar. Monsignor Loreto Gonzales, our Senior Priest, will lead us in a lovely Spirit-filled healing Mass, as well as a Mass of Remembrance for those we have lost. We will Pray over all the Breast Cancer Survivors, and any who needs healing. Parishioners will be invited extend their hands as the entire church prays together for an end to this terrible disease.



### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER 02, 2023**  
**MONDAY**  
**TO SUNDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 08, 2023**

#### **Monday, October 02, 2023**

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

#### **Tuesday, October 03, 2023**

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

#### **Wed, October 04, 2023**

**St Francis of Assisi**  
**8 :00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **\*Thurs, October 05, 2023**

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

#### **\*Friday, October 06, 2023**

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

#### **\*Saturday, October 07, 2023**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
**3:00 pm Reconciliation**  
**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

#### **Sunday, October 08, 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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FR MARCELLINUS MBATA  
DCN EMILE ADAMS, RIP  
DAVID CHRISTENSEN  
EMANUEL HOLDER  
CLARENCE DIXON  
MARGARITA HURST  
MARINA AYALA

*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.*



A portrait of a woman in traditional Bolivian attire. She is wearing a yellow poncho with a wide, colorful striped border in black, red, and yellow. Underneath, she has a blue and white polka-dot blouse. Her head is covered with a striped headscarf. She is seated, with her hands clasped in her lap, and is looking directly at the viewer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape.

## For the Intentions of All Parishioners