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## Without A Wedding Garment



*"...he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness*

*outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

The wedding garment is a test of loyalty to those who came to the marriage feast, and as a mode by which rebellion was avowed and loyalty made apparent. The "man" came to the gospel feast, and yet refused to comply with the command which related to the feast. He willfully preferred self to God, full of enmity and pride. He despised the gifts of grace, he scorned the rule of love, he stood a defiant rebel even at the banquet of mercy which his king had spread. His sin lay in coming at all without the wedding garment. If he did not mean to be of one heart with his fellow guests and his Lord, why did he come? If someone does not intend to yield to God's will, why does he profess to be of God's church? If we are not saved by the righteousness of Christ, why profess to be a believer in Christ? If we are not obedient to Christ's holy will, why pretend to be a follower of Christ? It is a grave mistake for any person to imagine they can be in the church of God to their own advantage unless their heart is renewed; unless they mean what they declare and sincerely love the rule under which they profess.



## Preparing for "Our Lady of Fatima"

The Lady of the Rosary does not give up asking the little shepherds to "pray the rosary every day". The reason for this is the key of the Message of Fatima: Fatima recalls the biblical character of a God with a merciful heart (Jer 4,19) who meets us, anxious to rescue us, and willing to provide fullness of joys. The prayer of the Rosary also focuses on the ultimate promise; the triumph of Mercy of the life of

Christ, evoked in the mysteries of the Rosary. Requested in all the apparitions of Our Lady – as we can tell by the first questioning to the seers –, the Rosary is the prayer learned in the school of Mary. It educates us through the humility of faith, according to the style of this unique Lady, with her "fiat"\*, made of her own life a total gift, and treasured up all the gestures, every word of Jesus, "and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2,19). To meditate on the mysteries of the life of Christ, in the way of Mary, is to allow ourselves to be shaped by the presence of God, like she did. Opening up with the doxology to the Most Holy Trinity – in other words, it becomes evident in the Rosary Christ's redeeming work is to place us in the horizon of the adoration to God. (\*Latin for "let it be done".)



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

## The Million Man March October 16, 1995

The Million Man March was a large gathering of African-American men in Washington, D.C., on October 16, 1995. Organized by Louis Farrakhan, it was held on and around the National Mall. The National African American Leadership Summit, a leading group of civil rights activists and the Nation of Islam working with scores of civil rights organizations, including many local chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (but not the national NAACP) formed the Million Man March Organizing Committee. The founder of the National African American Leadership Summit, Benjamin Chavis Jr., served as National Director of the Million Man March.



The committee invited many prominent speakers to address the audience, and African American men from across the United States converged in Washington to "convey to the world a vastly different picture of the Black male"[1]: 152 and to unite in self-help and self-defense against economic and social ills plaguing the African American community. One of the primary motivating factors for the march was to place black issues back on the nation's political agenda. In the aftermath of the Republican Party's victory in the 1994 Congressional election and the continued success of the party's campaign platform, the Contract with America, some African American leaders felt the social and economic issues facing the black community fell by the wayside of policy debates.[2]: 243 March organizers believed that politicians were failing the black community by "papering over the most vital dimensions of the crisis in international capitalism"[2]: 243 and blaming urban blacks for "domestic economic woes that threatened to produce record deficits, massive unemployment, and uncontrolled inflation".

**Join us for  
Bible Study**

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

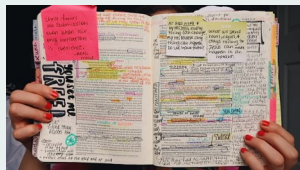
**1:00 pm Meeting  
ID: 87233018319  
Passcode: 689472**

**Contact:  
Carolyn James  
(323) 394-5441**

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

**Contact:  
Elsie Dixon  
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**UPDATE!**

**Our Lady of Fatima is coming to  
St Bernadette Church  
October 19-22, 2023**

Sponsored by Our Lady's Blue Army  
World Apostolate of Fatima, USA

**Get Involved!** Join us for our 9 Day Novena  
(In Progress until October 18)

Participate Online or In person—7:30 AM every day or 6:00 PM on ZOOM

Recordings available on our website [stbernadettela.org](http://stbernadettela.org)  
"Rosary Leaders" Needed (contact the Parish Office)

**Tentative Schedule—Subject to Change**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023 approximately 7:00 PM**  
**Statue Arrives: "Welcoming Ceremony" and Prayer Service**

**Friday, October 20, 2023 Viewing All Day**  
**8:00 am Mass followed by prayer, veneration, blessings of rosaries and other religious items, Candle Light procession**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023 Viewing All Day**  
**8:00 am Mass followed by prayer, veneration, blessings of rosaries and other religious items, 4:00 pm Mass (Reception to follow)**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**  
**Doors Open 8:00 am. 10:00 am Mass followed by viewing until 1 pm.**

**\*\*Please be advised: you are welcome to bring rosaries or other religious articles to be blessed by clergy in the presence of the statue.)**

**Three Ways to Honor Our Lady of Fatima**  
**Make a consecration; even if you have done so before.**  
**Pray the Rosary Daily**  
**Start Doing the "First Five Saturdays" Devotion**



**BE A COFFEE AND DONUTS HERO!**  
**We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"**  
**No Set Up, or Pick Up, Just Pay Up.**  
**We will take care of the rest.**

**Whether you are a Couple, a Family, a Parish Ministry,  
 a Local Business Owner, or  
 a Service Organization.**

**ALL YOU NEED DO IS DONATE  
 ALL OR PART OF THE (ONE TIME) WEEKLY COST TO  
 THE CHURCH, AND WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.  
 FOR DETAILS CALL THE OFFICE  
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## ***The Meaning of Halloween!***

Halloween translates to All Hallows' Eve, or the eve of all holy men and women. During this time we are called to remember and celebrate the communion of saints, "communio sanctorum." This terminology refers to the church militant for those living on earth, the church suffering for those in purgatory, and the church triumphant for those in Heaven. For Catholics, October 31 is supposed to be the celebration and liturgical vigil of All Saints (November 1), which is a solemnity and a holy day of obligation. We honor the Church Triumphant and recall the many great saints that we love and seek to be like. Following that we celebrate those soon to be saints on what is known as All Souls Day. We pray for the suffering church, those in purgatory, and especially our loved ones that have gone before us.



**MAKE YOUR OWN SAINT SHRINE**  
**Found this PDF template you can**  
**download, color, and cut out. Place**  
**your favorite saint card or print in the**  
**shrine and add an electric tea light in**  
**front of it.**

<http://www.ardanziger.com/2015/10/all-hallows-eve-shrine-templates.html> **Or,**  
**Make a Saint Craft Engaging children in**  
**hands on activities can help them learn**  
**about and retain information in a more**  
**meaningful way. Pick a saint that you are**  
**going to learn about and create something**  
**together that you can display or play with.**

**Sacraments are more than mere signs.**  
**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 transi-**  
**tions and help us to give praise and worship to God. They help us nourish,**  
**strengthen, and express our faith.**

**Please submit your Bulletin Articles and**  
**Pulpit Announcements AT LEAST**  
**TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**  
**Questions? Please contact the office at**  
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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
**MONDAY**  
**TO SUNDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2023**

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

**Bosses Day**

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

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

**St Ignatius of Antioch**

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

**Wed, October 18, 2023**

**St Luke**

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

**\*Thurs, October 19, 2023**

**St John, Isaac, & Companions**

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

**\*Friday, October 20, 2023**

**Sweetest Day**

**St Paul of the Cross**  
**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**\*Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**3:00 pm Reconciliation**

**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**29th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**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: October 14-20, 2023**

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**Sergio Castro (Health and Wellness)**

**Sunday 10:00 am**

**Bernadette Jolivette (RIP)**

**Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday 8:00 am**

**The Intentions of All Parishioners**

**Requesting a Mass Intention? Contact the Parish Office**

**(323) 293-4877**

### Did you know?

**October 14/15, 2023**

### Protecting Vulnerable Adults

While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else who may be unable to consent to or understand what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse against vulnerable adults are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well — know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Protecting Vulnerable Adults” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



# TRUNK OR TREAT

Sat - OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

KPC JUNIOR DAUGHTER OF ST. BERNADETTE  
3825 DON FELIPE DR. LOS ANGELES, CA 90008 - IN THE HALL

**COSTUME AND CAR CONTEST**  
**GAMES - PRIZES**

**FOOD - DRINK - LOTS OF TREATS**  
**DMISSION IS \$15 IN ADVANCE PER PERSON**  
**\$20 AT THE DOOR**

**5:30 PM - 8 PM**  
Dinner, Snacks and Fun is included in the dmission

COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED

# TRUNK OR TREAT

## Car Registration Form

**Event Rules & Guidelines for Participating Vehicles**

- You may arrive at 4:00 PM to get parked and setup your trunk
- Vehicles must be decorated and ready to hand out candy by 5:45 PM
- For safety of all, vehicles arriving after 5:40 will not be able to participate.
- Vehicles MUST remain parked in the same location until the event ends at 8:00 PM
- Participating vehicles must have candy to give out (\*\*NO NUTS\*\*)
- Candy runners will be in service throughout the event to ensure you don't run out of candy or prizes
- Family-friendly/non-scary displays and costumes ONLY
- Vehicles must be decorated and ready to All Vehicles must reserve your spot by Sunday, October 22, 2023 After Mass in the Hall or by calling the Church Rectory

Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme of Decoration: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicle (Circle One): CAR TRUCK SUV MINI VAN OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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