

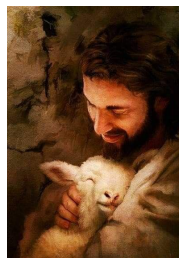
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January 21, 2024: "Behold the Lamb of God"

In verse 29, John the Baptist referred to Jesus as "The Lamb of God." This does not refer to a temple sacrifice, but to the days of Passover and Moses. The final plague of Egypt was the death of the firstborn. Only those whose doors were covered with the blood of a lamb were spared. The preparation for sudden travel, and the covering of blood, was a powerful symbol of Jesus' work on the cross. The instructions given to Moses placed a "bloody body" on every Israelite door, from the blood of the sacrificed lamb (Exodus 12:21-23). After the judgment, those who stepped through the door were free. This is a metaphor for salvation in Christ. Only those covered by the blood are spared from judgment; only by going through the door can a person be set free. John had been telling people the Messiah was coming. Now, he tells the people the Messiah is here! The entire Old Testament can be summed up with: "Where is the lamb?" When Abraham took Isaac up the mountain to offer a sacrifice he knew God had promised to make him the father of many nations, yet God had commanded him to sacrifice his only son? When Isaac asked about the lamb, Abraham assured him God would provide the lamb (Genesis 22:6-8). The priests in the temple at Jerusalem sacrificed a lamb in the morning and evening every day (Exodus 29:38). For hundreds of years, Jews brought lambs to the temple as sacrifices for their sins. They kept coming back year after year because no lamb could take away all their sin until Jesus.



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



Tempus per annum (Ordinary Time)

Ordinary Time is the part of the liturgical year in the liturgy of the Roman Rite, which falls outside the two great seasons of Christmastide and Eastertide, or their respective preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. Ordinary Time thus

includes the days between Christmastide and Lent, and between Eastertide and Advent. The liturgical color assigned to Ordinary Time is green. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of Christ the King. The word "ordinary," as used here, comes from the ordinal numerals by which the weeks are identified or counted, from the 1st week of Ordinary Time in January to the 34th which that begins toward the end of November.

In the ordinary form of the Roman Rite, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which ordinarily occurs on the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (6 January), begins Ordinary Time and closes the Season of Christmas. The weekdays which follow the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord are determined as belonging to the first week of Ordinary Time which continues until the Tuesday which immediately precedes Ash Wednesday.



Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: Friday, January 13, 2024
Patron Saint of children academically Challenged, children, mothers, and the sick
 Born into a wealthy pagan family in Poitiers, France, Hilary was well educated in the classics. Early on he realized he did not exist for the sole purpose of satisfying his physical desires. He concluded the human soul did not exist simply to die. It must exist for something more. Hilary found what he was searching for in the Scriptures. He was first struck by the mysterious name of God in the Old Testament: “I AM WHO I AM.” God revealed Himself as eternal, without beginning or end—Existence itself. Then Hilary discovered the Son of God in the Gospel of John 1:1–14. Of this discovery, Hilary said, “My soul measured the mighty workings of God, wrought on the scale of His eternal omnipotence . . . by a boundless faith . . . God was in the beginning with God, and the

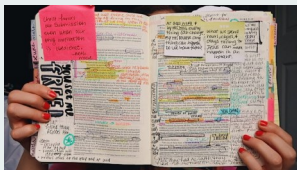
Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . .” (De Trinitate 1.12). In the years which followed he was given the power and gift to understand the beauty, mystery, omnipotence, and nature of the Most Holy Trinity. Shortly after these discoveries of faith, Hilary was baptized a Christian and went on to defend the doctrine of the Trinity against the “insanity and ignorance of men.” There were a group of bishops and laity who followed the heresy of “Arianism,” which denied the divinity of Christ. They believed the Son was inferior to the Father. This heresy was especially strong in the Eastern Church. The emperor, an Arian himself, ordered every bishop to pledge their support for this heresy. Hilary refused. Instead, he vigorously defended the truth, and for his brave stance was exiled to Phrygia, in modern-day Turkey. In His Love, God used Hilary’s time of exile in powerful ways. Upon his return to Poitiers, Bishop Hilary took the long way home through Greece and Italy, preaching all the way, weeding out the beginnings of Arianism in the Western Church. His effectiveness came, not only from his clear teaching, but also from his conciliatory approach and resolute determination. Back in Poitiers, he continued to preach, write, attend councils, and even to compose hymns. The hymns were his way of introducing the doctrines of the faith to the people of God in song. He was a true pastor who burned with a desire everyone come to a deeper knowledge of the One God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**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**

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

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



**ORDINARY TIME: A terrible English name
 for the days of the year which are not Advent,
 Christmastime, Lent, and Eastertime.**

As the Church year starts on the first Sunday of Advent, and Advent is followed by Christmastime, “Ordinary Time” begins in early January and continues until Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent*. As Lent is followed by Eastertime, ordinary time is temporarily interrupted. It does not restart and does not until the day after Eastertime ends on Pentecost Sunday. From that Monday, ordinary time continues uninterrupted until Advent begins. As the Church year’s special seasons do not begin on the same date each year, in general, ordinary time occurs in January and February, and from June through November. Note: Whenever the word “ordinary” is used about the Church, it does not have the common meaning in English. It does not mean usual or not special. It comes from the Latin meaning, according to the rule. A bishop is called the Ordinary. When applied to dates it means the days which follow the calendar rule — in other words, the regular January through December Gregorian Calendar.

This usual, regular, ordinary calendar is interrupted by the four special seasons. When it is not being interrupted, the liturgy follows the regular, normal calendar. The calendar is based upon the General Roman Calendar, promulgated by Pope Saint Paul VI on February 14, 1969, subsequently amended by the Holy See, and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.¹ This calendar has been updated to reflect the names and titles of the various liturgical days in conformity with the Roman Missal, Third Edition. Since March 25 is the Monday of Holy Week, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 8. Since December 8, 2024 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9.



**WE NEED YOUR PALMS. JUST DROP THEM IN
 ONE OF THE BASKETS NEAR THE ALTAR.
 They will be burned, blessed and used to produce
 the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.**

Coffee and
donuts



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 TO DO IS: DONATE

ALL OR PART OF THE (ONE TIME) WEEKLY COST TO THE CHURCH, WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST. FOR DETAILS CALL THE PARISH OFFICE at (323)293-4877 .

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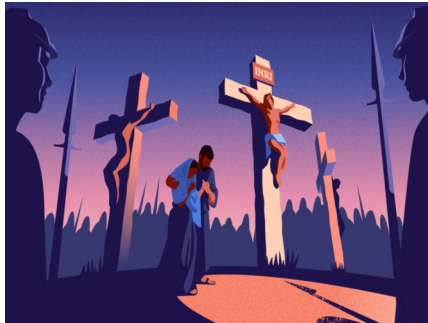


Congratulations to Our New Altar Servers: If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please see Deacon Jim after Mass or call the Parish Office at (323) 293-4877. If you have already completed training, please contact the Parish Office at the Phone# above to schedule your Alb fitting!

Preparing for Lent

In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions:

- 1) **Ask God, every day, "What does my soul need?"** Just ask, and wait quietly. Because we are very good at fooling ourselves about how we are doing. It might take several days of praying this question before we are truly open and humble enough to know the answer.
- 2) **Ask God, every day, "What about my life makes you happy?"** Yes, when God looks at your life, some parts of it—perhaps many aspects of it—bring joy to God's heart. Think of how your children or grandchildren or other people close to you make you happy. **God is in relationship with you**, which means your sins grieve God's heart, but also your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe. Again, you will probably need to pray this a few times before you are willing to consider you give God pleasure, you make God happy in any way. Stick with this little prayer and keep listening.
- 3) **Tell God, and yourself: "I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season."** Maybe you are not open right now, or you are not as open and willing as you would like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more, quickly and passionately, of what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth.



St Bernadette 2024 Men's Retreat January 26-28, 2024

"The Crucified One Lives! Finding Comfort in the Passion of Christ"
The Passion of Christ and sufferings of the members of His Body, the Church, form one mystery. For more information Contact Gilbert Wright



St. Bernadette's is honored to be the site of the fourth Archdiocesan healing garden dedicated to those harmed by abuse – inspired by a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, these gardens offer a sacred space for those harmed to come closer to God. A tangible symbol of the church's solidarity with those healing from abuse, the gardens were made possible by the leadership of Archbishop Gomez, the collaboration of Victims Assistance Ministry and the Archdiocesan Construction Department, and the very generous support of our parishes.

Please join us for the blessing and dedication of St. Bernadette's healing garden on Wednesday January 17 following the 8am Mass.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY,
JANUARY 15 2024
TO SUNDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2024

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024

Office Closed in Observance
of MLK Day.

No Religious Services

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Friday, Jan. 19, 2024

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024

St Fabian

St Sebastian

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan 21, 2024

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsored by the Parish

(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: January 13 to January 19 2024

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 4:00 pm

For Those Still Suffering the Effects of the Pandemic

Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 10:00 am

For the Success of Our Upcoming Men's Retreat

Requesting a Mass Intention?

Contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877

DID YOU KNOW? January 13/14 January 13-14

How to actively listen to abuse disclosures.

Disclosing abuse is one of the hardest — and most important — steps for a victim to take. If a child chooses to tell you about abuse, make sure you are actively listening. Give the child all of your attention and listen calmly, without making judgements or assumptions. Listen patiently without filling in the blanks or making suggestions. The best thing is for the child to tell his or her own story. Ask limited questions, and only for information needed to report abuse.

For more information on actively listening, read the VIRTUS® article “**Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse**” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article “**Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse**”

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We are ALWAYS Looking for Lectors and

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Those who proclaim God's word in the liturgy are known as Lectors. It is an ancient teaching in the Church, Christ is truly present in His Word: the Word is spoken, heard and acted upon. Answering the call to become a Lector, enters one into a deeper relationship with God as he is revealed in Sacred Scripture. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) distribute Holy Communion to God's people on those occasions where there are an insufficient number of priests and deacons. If you are interested in joining our Lector Ministry please Contact Lawrence Reney at lrtrojandado2@gmail.com or (213)999-4491 We especially need Lectors for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass. If you are interested in becoming an EMHC, Please contact the Parish Office.



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

If you have questions?

Please contact the office at (323) 293-4877