

St Bernadette Catholic Church
3825 Don Felipe Drive
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**The Fifth Sunday
Of Lent**
April 12/13, 2025

Mass Intentions for April 12/13, 2025

Saturday, Palm Sunday, April 12, 2025 at 4:00 pm

William Cottles Jr. (RIP)

Lawrence and Lucy Emerson (RIP)

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2024 at 10:00 am

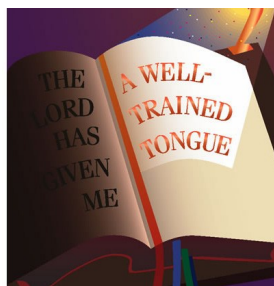
Fr Allan Roberts (RIP)

Schedule of Easter Services:

- ♦ Holy Thursday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer
(Liturgy of the Hours) Deacon Jim
7:00 pm- Holy Thursday Mass
Msgr Mac and Fr Mbata concelebrants
(church remains open until 10:00 pm)
- ♦ Good Friday: 8:00 am- Morning Prayer
(Liturgy of the Hours)- Deacon Jim
1:00 pm- The Passion of the Lord service Msgr Mac
- ♦ Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm- Easter Vigil Service
Msgr Mac and Fr. Mbata
- ♦ Easter Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses

Isaiah 50:04 “The Lord has given me a “well-trained tongue”

The word translated as “tongue” refers to “speech” in the original Hebrew. The tongue of the learned literally means the “speech of those who are taught.” The Messiah’s God-given role is to hear and speak what God His Father teaches Him. Jesus is a humble and obedient servant, passing on only what He has heard and learned daily, “morning by morning,” through direct fellowship with God the Father. “I do nothing on my own,” said Jesus, “but speak just what the Father has taught me” Jesus yielded to the will of His Father (John 5:19, 30; 6:38). He opened His ears to hear and obey the voice of God and relinquished His tongue to speak the words of God. Spending time alone with His Father, Jesus sought guidance and meditated on God’s Word (Mark 1:35). In this way, Christ was given the tongue of the learned to speak divine wisdom and comfort to the weary (Matthew 11:28–30). Jesus modeled the ultimate example of being a Christian disciple (John 4:34).



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Gospel of Luke 22:14—23:56 “For who is greater?”

“For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”— Luke 22:27

This verse from Luke highlights a powerful teaching moment from Jesus, where he challenges the societal norms regarding status and greatness. In Jesus’s time, it was common for people to view greatness in terms of power, wealth, and position. To be seated at the table meant you held significance; you were honored. Being a servant, on the other hand, was often regarded as a lowly position. Jesus flips this perspective upside down by declaring that their assumption of greatness is misguided. He reveals that true greatness comes from serving others, not from being served. In essence, Jesus is redefining what it means to be great, and he exemplifies this through his actions—serving his disciples and ultimately, the world. We can take this to heart in our modern lives as well. greatness does not always mean being in the spotlight. Sometimes, the greatest acts can come from serving in the background, helping others, and putting their needs above our own. Jesus always calls us to reflect and practice this humility. The call is to embrace servitude, not merely to seek accolades or recognition. As we reflect upon Luke 22:27, we see a striking contrast between the common societal beliefs of Jesus’s time and his teachings. The disciples were probably caught in the excitement of their status as followers of Jesus, expecting to be rewarded or recognized for their loyalty. In their minds, the one who sits at the table holds importance, while the one who serves remains invisible and unnoticed. It is a common human inclination to desire recognition and respect, particularly in a world that often measures success by one’s titles or privileges. However, Jesus uses this opportunity to illuminate a different truth. He performs acts of service, such as washing the feet of his disciples earlier in chapter 22, demonstrating that serving others is the hallmark of true leadership. It may seem that serving others is a sign of weakness, but in God’s kingdom, it is the path to honor and greatness. Jesus’s life is a testament that greatness does not come from elevating oneself but by humbling oneself for the sake of others.

“Pilgrims of Hope” St Bernadette’s Lenten Speaker Series

**Thank you to all
our participants
and guests.**

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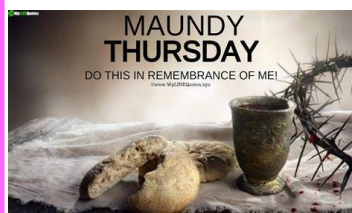


Join us for Bible Study

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

**1:00 pm Study
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**7:00 pm Study
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Passcode: 6FuFf7**



Thursday of Holy Week April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday, Covenant Thursday, Great & Holy Thursday, and Thursday of Mysteries, is the Christian feast or holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the Canonical gospels. It is the fifth day of Holy Week and is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Holy Friday (better known as Good Friday). During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, uttering the words, "This is my body, which is given for you." Subsequently, he passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, "This is my blood..." It is believed those who eat of Christ's flesh and blood shall have eternal life. The Last Supper is celebrated daily in the Catholic Church as part of every Mass for it is through Christ's sacrifice that we have been saved. On the night of Holy Thursday, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place where the faithful remain in the presence of the Eucharist just as the Disciples kept a vigil with Christ. Following the Last Supper, the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, where he would be betrayed by Judas. The Last Supper has been the subject of art for centuries, including the great masterpiece by Leonardo Da Vinci.

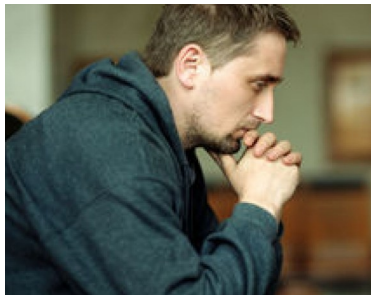
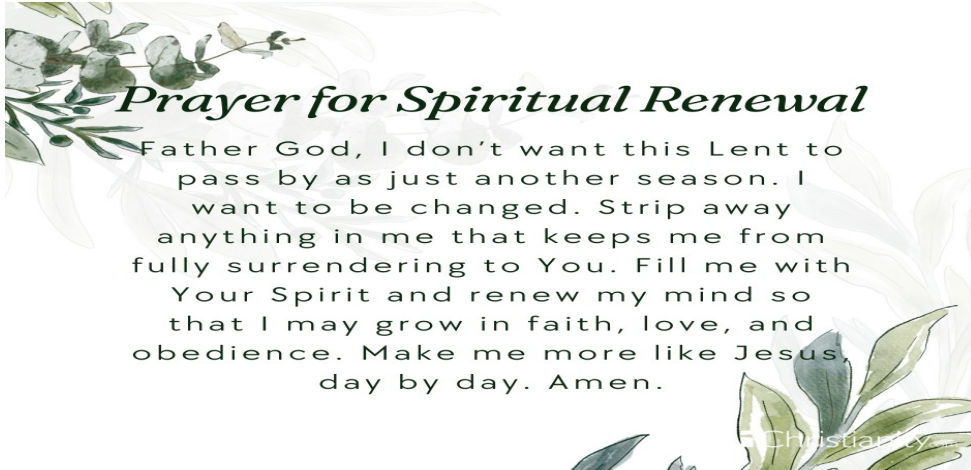
Friday of Holy Week April 18, 2025 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord What's Good about Good Friday??? Stations of the Cross...

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage. A "Worshiper" moves from station to station. At each station, one recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then one moves to the next station until all 14 are completed. The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events occurred.





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Don't Be Overwhelmed by Easter, Turn Your Sorrows over to Christ!

Seeing posts on social media about meeting with family, spending time with them, and celebrating the Lord together can feel overwhelming and cause sorrow to fill the hearts of some of us. Maybe a loved one passed away this year, or you are going through a divorce, and you do not have any joy left. If Easter feels heavy this year, know you

are not alone. You can still hold on to pleasure by finding your hope in Jesus. Jesus will never disappoint us, even if the circumstances of our life do. ***“And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).*** The hope we have in Jesus can help our weary souls keep going when it is hard. I have found this to be true in my own life; I know I wouldn't be here today without Jesus. Joy doesn't necessarily mean we are always happy, but it does mean that we have an everlasting light in our hearts. Even when the darkness around us reigns, the light in us keeps burning. The joy that Jesus gives us will help us to continue moving forward. However, if you don't feel strong enough to push on right now, know that the Lord sits with you in your pain. He knows you are filled with sorrow this Easter, but He doesn't condemn your pain. Instead, He engulfs you in His love. Allow His comfort and hope to fuel you, and on the days that you are too weary, rest in the knowledge that Jesus is right beside you in your sorrow and distress. Giving our sorrow over to Jesus can relieve its heaviness. In the Bible, we are told to cast our anxiety on Jesus because He cares for us ([1 Peter 5:7](#)). The Lord never condemns us for our feelings, nor does He withhold His comfort from our hearts. Relying on this truth can bring joy into our hearts when the heaviness grows too strong. By casting our anxieties, cares, and struggles on the Lord, we can be freed to experience His joy.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
MON. APRIL 14, 2025 TO
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE
LORD

Monday of Holy Week

April 14, 2025

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 15, 2025

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 16, 2025

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday of Holy Week

April 17, 2025

8:00 am Morning Office

Holy Mass and Feet Washing

7:00 PM

Mass In-Person Only

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Friday of the

Passion of the Lord

8:00 am Morning Office

Good Friday Service 1:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

Easter Vigil Mass at Sunset

7:30 pm

Sunday, April 20, 2025

**Easter Sunday of the
 Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Easter Egg Hunt to Follow

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsors Needed



To Experience The Best Easter Ever – Immerse Yourself In The Story

The resurrection story, the foundation of our faith, serves as the focus at Easter. The events involved are familiar and well-known to long-time believers. However, assuming we know the story may cause believers to place less focus and attention on it. A good way to prepare for the holy holiday, then, involves setting the scene firmly in our minds with a thorough grasp of the story's facts and details. Following a Bible reading plan during the two weeks before Easter allows immersion in these events.



Did You Know? April 12-13 || Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure for 2025/2026

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the ***“Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse”*** Brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean are available in the parish vestibule or online.

For more Information please visit: lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month. at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

