

St Bernadette Catholic Church
3825 Don Felipe Drive
Los Angeles , CA 90008



Saturday/Sunday
May 31/June 01, 2025
Feast of the Ascension

Mass Intentions for
Saturday/Sunday May 31 & June 01, 2025

Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 4:00 pm
Ruben Coronado (Health)

Sunday June 01, 2025 at 10:00 am The Ascension
Hilton Chandler (RIP) Martin Bacon (RIP)
Coffee and Donuts: Deacon Jim and Teresa Carper

Weekly Services Schedule May 26 to June 01, 2025

- ♦ **Monday/Tuesday, June 02/03, 2025:**
Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8:00 am
- ♦ **Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (June 04, 05, 06):**
Adoration 7:30 am /Morning Mass 8:00 am
- ♦ **Sat, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Sun. June 01 The Ascension of the Lord
Coffee & Donuts follows Sunday Mass
This Weekend's Sponsor: Deacon Jim and Teresa



St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

(June 03) January 1860 – June 3, 1886. Charles Lwanga was a Ugandan convert to the Catholic Church who was martyred with a group of his peers and is revered as a saint by both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. A member of the Baganda tribe, Lwanga was born in the Kingdom of Buganda, the central and southern part of modern

Uganda, and served as chief of the royal pages and later major-domo in the court of King Mwanga II of Buganda. In fear of losing the overbearing power he had on his subjects to a Christian worldview, King Mwanga II insisted Christian converts abandon their new faith and executed many Anglicans and Catholics between 1885 and 1887, including Lwanga and other officials in the royal court. The persecution started after Mwanga ordered a massacre of Anglican missionaries, including Bishop James Hannington who was the leader of the Anglican community. Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe, the Catholic servant of the court and a lay catechist, reproached the king for the killings, against which he had counseled him. Mwanga had Balikuddembe beheaded and arrested all of his followers on 15 November 1885. The king then ordered that Lwanga, who was chief page at that time, take up Balikuddembe's duties. That same day, Lwanga and other pages under his protection sought baptism as Catholics by a missionary priest of the White Fathers; some hundred catechumens were baptized. Lwanga often protected boys in his charge from the king's sexual advances.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (June 01) - The Ascension of the Lord

Each year, 40 days after Easter, Catholics around the world mark the Ascension of the Lord. This solemn feast celebrates the moment when Jesus returned to Heaven, completing His earthly mission. The Ascension is one of the key events in the life of Christ, and it holds deep meaning for Christians in the Holy Land and around the world. What Is the Ascension? The Ascension refers to Jesus Christ physically rising into Heaven in the presence of His apostles. This event is recorded in several places in the Bible: Luke 24:50-53, Mark 16:19 and Acts 1:6-12. After rising from the dead on Easter Sunday, Jesus remained with His disciples for 40 days. During that time, He continued to teach, appeared to many people, and prepared His followers for what would come next. Then, on the 40th day, He led them to the Mount of Olives, blessed them, and was taken up into Heaven: ***“He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.”*** — Acts 1:9

What the Ascension Tells Us. The Ascension is not just the end of Jesus’ time on Earth. It is also a turning point for the Church and a sign of what comes next in the Christian story. Here are three key messages of the Ascension:

1. Jesus Completes His Work on Earth The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus’ mission. He came to teach, to heal, to suffer, die and rise again. After His resurrection, His final act was to return to the Father. This signals that His saving work was done. **2. He Opens Heaven to Us** By returning to Heaven, Jesus opens the way for all who follow Him. The Ascension is a sign of hope that eternal life is possible. He goes to prepare a place for His followers (John 14:2-3). **3. The Mission Continues** Before ascending, Jesus gave His apostles a mission: to go and make disciples of all nations. The Church begins to take shape here. He promises the Holy Spirit, who will guide and empower His followers to carry out this mission. That promise is fulfilled at Pentecost, 10 days later.



Join us for Bible Study

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

1:00 pm Study
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472

Leader/Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

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

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Dacosta Collymore
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Contact: Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962



St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (c. 675 – 5 June 754)

He was an English Benedictine monk and leading figure in the Anglo-Saxon mission to the Germanic parts of Francia during the eighth century. He organized significant foundations of the church in Germany and was made Archbishop of Mainz by Pope Gregory III. He was martyred in Frisia in 754, along with 52 others, and his remains were returned to Fulda, where they rest in a sarcophagus which remains a site of Christian pilgrimage. Boniface's life and death as well as his work became widely known, there being a wealth of material available — a number of vitae, especially the near-contemporary Vita Bonifatii auctore Willibaldi, legal documents, possibly some sermons, and above all his correspondence. He is venerated as a saint in the Christian church and became the patron saint of Germania, known as the "Apostle to the Germans". The three roles Boniface played that made him "one of the truly outstanding creators of the first Europe, as the apostle of Germania, the reformer of the Frankish church, and the chief creator of the alliance between the papacy and the Carolingian family." Through his efforts to reorganize and regulate the church of the Franks, he helped shape the Latin Church in Europe, and many of the dioceses he proposed remain today. After his martyrdom, he was quickly hailed as a saint in Fulda and other areas in Germania and in England. He is still venerated by Catholics in Germany and throughout the German diaspora. Boniface is celebrated as a missionary; he is regarded as a unifier of Europe, and he is regarded by German Roman Catholics as a national figure.

St Norbert, Bishop June 06 St. Norbert was born at Xanten in the Rhineland, about the year 1080. The early part of his life was devoted to the world and its pleasures. He entered upon the ecclesiastical state in a worldly spirit. The thunderstorm had boiled up suddenly as Norbert was out riding. Norbert, who had always chosen the easy way, would never have deliberately gone on a journey that promised danger, risk, or discomfort. He had moved easily from the comforts of the noble family he was born into at about 1080 to the pleasure-loving German court. He had no hesitations about joining in any opportunity to enjoy himself, no matter what the source of that pleasure. To ensure his success at court, he also had no qualms about accepting holy orders as a canon and whatever financial benefices that came with that position, although he did hesitate at becoming a priest and the implied responsibilities.



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Catholic things to do in June include:

Liturgical celebrations: Highlight major feasts, jubilee events, and an upcoming consistory for the vote on causes of canonization.

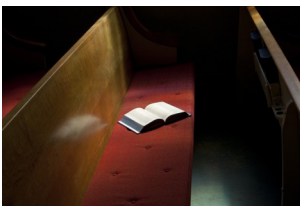
Feast days: Peter and Paul (June 29) and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome (June 30).

Grow in Faith: Join a Bible study and participate in various events and celebrations.



The difference between a “Transitional Deacon” and “Permanent Deacon”.
Transitional deacons are seminarians who are on their way to be ordained as priests. They are typically ordained as deacons a year before priesthood ordination. **Permanent deacons** are ordained into the diaconate with the intention of remaining in that role. They often have secular jobs and are allowed to be married. **Liturgically**, there is no difference between the two types of deacons. Both carry out the same liturgical roles and are subject to the same ritual gestures.

Does it really matter if we occasionally miss Mass?? Yes, it does matter.



Through His Church, God commands us to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. It is a mortal sin to miss Mass without a grave reason (such as illness, being housebound, a first responder rushing to a call, etc). You may wonder why the church commands weekly Mass attendance under pain of sin, rather than simply suggesting it. It is important to know why—not only to strengthen our own faith, but also in case any curious non-Catholics ask about it. The reason for the Sunday obligation is that **we owe God worship as His creatures**. It's not just a nice spiritual ritual or an outward show of being Catholic. God is our Creator. He made us out of *nothing* and keeps us in existence through His own power and will. We owe everything to Him, and our regular worship of Him is how we express our innate desire—and our natural obligation—to offer our Creator homage and gratitude. Furthermore, without His grace and presence in our lives, our souls and therefore our salvation are in danger. He doesn't need our worship—but we do need Him. If we ignore God's command to worship on Sundays, we are putting other things before God, as though He were of secondary importance. And we are destroying our relationship with Him and walking away from the spiritual graces our soul needs to stay alive. As one priest said, skipping Sunday Mass is somewhat analogous to a deep-sea diver's putting a crimp in his air line so that no air can come through to keep him alive.



LITURGY SCHEDULE MON. JUNE 02, 2025 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 08, 2025 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Monday, June 02, 2025

Sts Marcellinus
 and Peter, Martyrs
 7:30 am Adoration
 8:00 Communion Service
 Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, June 03, 2025

St. Charles Lwanga
 and Companions, Martyrs
 7:30 am Adoration
 8:00 Communion Service
 Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, June 04, 2025

7:30 am Adoration
 8:00 am Mass
 Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, June 05, 2025

St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
 7:30 am Adoration
 8:00 am Mass

Friday, June 06 2025

St Norbert, Bishop
 First Friday of the Month
 7:30 am Adoration
 8:00 am Mass

Saturday June 07, 2025

Archdiocesan Deacon Ordination
 3:00 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 08, 2025

Pentecost Sunday
 10:00 am Mass
 Coffee & Donuts to follow





2025 St. Bernadette Parishioner Scholarship Application

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #162 and St. Bernadette Parish want to congratulate all our parish graduates who have completed their educational accomplishments, including those who graduated from High School and University with a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree.

1. Please complete the info below and turn it in to the rectory.
2. Submit a graduation or headshot picture that can be posted on our KPC Facebook Page.
3. We will only post our recipient's picture, name, and where they graduated from.
4. The deadline is on Sunday, June 19th, 2024. We will not accept any applications after the deadline. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 29th, after the 10 AM Mass.

Name of Graduate: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email address: _____

Level of education completed:

☐ High School

University level with a:

☐ Bachelor's Degree in _____

☐ Master's Degree _____

☐ Doctorate Degree _____

☐ Other Degree _____

Graduating from what School or University _____

What school have you been accepted to for the upcoming year _____

Date of Graduation _____

Note: If you are under 18 years old, please have your parent or guardian sign the line below giving consent to post your picture on our court Facebook page. Signature here X _____

Church Volunteer Opportunities

Worship Team

Each service brings a plethora of volunteer positions to serve that are ideal for those who regularly attend worship.

Greeters/Hospitality

Greeters welcome people to worship, especially newcomers. They offer smiles, hand out programs, and share information during prayer meetings.

This is a great job for a family!

Ushers

Ushers are a vital part of worship, finding seats for new church members, passing offering plates during Sunday morning services, assisting with communion, and more. Simply put, they make your church service take place smoothly.

Lectors

Those who want to take an active role in sharing the word of God can be scripture readers during the service.

Music Ministry

And what is a church service without music? Opportunities for musicians in your congregation include soloists, a praise band, youth and adult choirs, and more.

Responsible Management of God's Gifts

Catholic Stewardship is a concept which emphasizes the responsible management of God's Gifts which include TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. It encourages parishioners to recognize their role as stewards of these gifts, promoting a spirit of generosity and service within the community. The **Internation Catholic Stewardship Council** supports this teaching by providing resources and education for dioceses and parishes. Additionally, the United States Conference of Catholic Stewardship (**USCCB**) highlights stewardship shapes our understanding of life and our responsibilities as Christians. Key principals of Stewardship include: gratitude, responsibility, management and sharing resources in justice and love. Let us begin with being a **disciple**—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Did You Know???

May 31-June 1 || Concerning behaviors in children could indicate abuse

Some concerning behaviors that go beyond natural curiosity, could be signs of sexual abuse. These behaviors include asking a peer or adult to engage in a specific act, inserting objects into private areas, explicit imitation of intercourse, and behaviors that are persistent and resistant to distraction. Any of these signs could indicate that a child is being abused or exposed to sexually inappropriate behavior.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

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