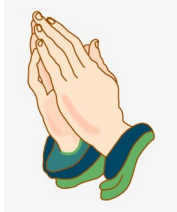


St Bernadette Church
3825 Don Felipe Drive
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Saturday/Sunday
August 02/03, 2025
18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 02, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Loretta Davis (RIP)

Deacon Emile and Anona Adams (RIP)

Sunday, August 03, 2025 at 10:00 am

Peter Forte (Health)

Monday, August 04, 2025 at 10:00 am

Stella Edafioka (RIP)

Weekly Services Schedule August 04 to August 10, 2025

- ♦ **Monday/Tuesday, August 04/05, 2025:**
Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8:00 am
- ♦ **Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (August 06, 07, 08)**
Adoration 7:30 am /Morning Mass 8:00 am
- ♦ **Sat, August 09: 4:00 pm Vigil:**
Sun. August 10: 10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts following Sunday Mass (Parish Hall)
This Weekend's Sponsor: The Ngimbi Family



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun, August 03, 2025
Readings for the 18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time, 2025

This Sunday's readings call us to examine our values and priorities. They remind us to look beyond material wealth and focus on what is eternal. Here are some key themes from this Sunday's readings.

The Emptiness of Wealth: The first reading warns us that worldly riches and success can feel empty. It reminds us that only God can give lasting joy and fulfillment.

Setting Hearts on Heaven: Paul encourages believers to seek what is above and keep their focus on God's kingdom. This calls us to prioritize spiritual growth over material concerns.

Letting Go of Greed: Jesus' parable in the Gospel warns against greed and storing up riches. It shows that selfish desires can separate us from God and others.

True Security in God: The readings remind us that earthly wealth is fragile, but God's love is steady and secure. Our security and peace come from trusting in God rather than possessions.

Living for Eternal Life: Paul calls us to focus on eternal life by living in a way that pleases God. This theme reminds us that our actions should reflect our hope in heaven.

The Folly of Selfish Ambition: The Gospel warns against putting our ambitions above God and others. It challenges us to use our blessings to serve and to help others.

Seeking Lasting Joy: The readings call us to seek joy that endures beyond this life. True joy comes from our relationship with God and living according to His ways.

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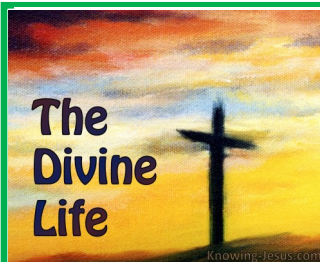
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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 03, 2025

What is truly important in your life? Some say we can discern a person's most honest answer by observing how they earn and use their money. Jesus warns: "Take care to guard against all greed ... one's life does not consist of possessions." The poet Mary Oliver asks, "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" It is a frightening question. Oliver asks in the same poem, "Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?" Her questions remind us we have the ability and responsibility to choose who we want to become. This does not mean we can control all the circumstances of our

lives. We can decide how we respond to **what we can and cannot control**. In today's Gospel, two brothers fight over their inheritance, the material legacy their father left behind. The material possessions — an estate, household treasures — are vital to their happiness. Even without living in our modern society, when some estimates say we take in about 100 ads per day, they were gauging their lives "by things external" to them as human beings. **Jesus offers a different option: become rich in what matters to God.** It is a wonderful, philosophical and pious answer. What does it mean in real life? Almost equally philosophical, Paul tells us to "seek what is above," because we have "died, and [our] life is hidden with Christ in God." Paul at least refers us to something concrete: **our baptism**. He tells us we are "new selves," people who can define ourselves only by our commitment to life in Christ, no matter our nationality, our economic condition or gender (Galatians 3:28). Paul called Christians to live in Christ's new age, the reality we experience when the resurrection serves as the key to understanding the meaning of life. Paul invites us to grasp the freedom we have through our relationship with Christ. Jesus lived in absolute freedom. In spite of expectations or threats, his only goal was to live his Father's will, in other words, to develop his humanity to the highest degree possible and thus share in the divine life (Philippians 2:5-10).



Join us for Bible Study

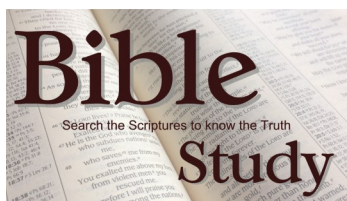
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Study
ID: 87233018319
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Leader/Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Study
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Hospitality Ministry

Have you ever attended a church service and felt welcomed from the time you entered the parking lot until the time you left? If you answered "yes", chances are you attended a worship service in a parish which has a strong church hospitality ministry. Today, people have many options for church, including virtual church services. If first-time visitors do not feel welcome, they may walk out and never return. Across

the country, churches are closing their doors due to low membership. This downturn may be due to the inability or unwillingness to utilize technology effectively. However, in most cases, these churches do not have a defined church hospitality ministry. The size of your congregation does not matter. All Parishes need a church hospitality ministry plan to continually improve. Please find below one version of a hospitality guide to help attract new members. The church hospitality ministry is a vital aspect of church life which focuses on welcoming and serving guests, by creating a warm and inviting environment for all who enter. The church hospitality ministry is the first representation of any church which people encounter. The hospitality ministry is just one example of ministry and has many layers that make up the body of the congregation. Their responsibilities span the lifecycle of the members' interactions with the church. Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, the church is a business that deals with a diverse group of people. Each person has expectations, and the church hospitality ministry should foster a culture of inclusion to support church growth. The church should welcome new members to ensure they return.



St John Vianney, Priest—August 04

St. John Vianney 8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859) was a French Catholic priest often referred to as the Curé d'Ars ("the parish priest of Ars"). He is known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, resulting in the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics note his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was canonized in 1925 and his feast day is August 4. He is the patron saint of parish priests. On 4 August 1859, Vianney died at the age of 73. The bishop presided over his funeral with 300 priests and more than 6,000 people in attendance.



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The Transfiguration of the Lord - August 06

Christian theology assigns great significance to the "transfiguration," based on the multiple elements of the narrative. The transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. The transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the Son of God, but the statement

"listen to him", identifies him as the messenger and mouth-piece of God. The significance of this identification is enhanced by the presence of Elijah and Moses. It indicates to the apostles Jesus is the voice of God "par excellence", and instead of Moses or Elijah (representing the Law and the prophets) he should be listened to, surpassing the laws of Moses by virtue of his divinity and filial relationship with God. At the Transfiguration, God assigns to Jesus a special "honor and glory" and it is the turning point at which God exalts Jesus above all other powers in creation, and positions him as ruler and judge. The transfiguration also echoes the teaching by Jesus (as in Matthew 22:32) God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living". Although Moses had died and Elijah had been taken up to heaven centuries before (as in 2 Kings 2:11), they now live in the presence of the Son of God, implying the same return to life applies to all who face death and have faith.



St. Dominic, Priest - August 08

Saint Dominic, was a Castilian Catholic priest, founder of the Dominican Order and the patron of astronomers and natural scientists. He and his order are traditionally credited with spreading and popularizing the praying of the rosary. Based on a Dominican tradition, in 1208 Dominic experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church at Prouille, during which she gave him a rosary. This gave rise to the title Our Lady of the

Rosary. The prayer beads were well-known at the time; it was not the beginning of rosary devotion, but Dominicans contributed much to spreading the practice. For centuries the rosary has been at the heart of the Dominican Order. Pope Pius XI stated, the rosary is "the principle and foundation on which the Order of St. Dominic rests for perfecting the lives of its members and obtaining the salvation of others." In 1215, Dominic with six followers moved into a house given them by Peter Seila of Toulouse. Dominic saw the need for a new type of organization to address the spiritual needs of the growing cities of the era, one which would combine dedication and systematic education, with more organizational flexibility than either monastic orders or the secular clergy. He subjected himself and his companions to the monastic rules of prayer and penance; Dominic returned to Rome a year later and was finally granted written authority in December 1216 by the new pope, Honorius III, for him to form the Ordo Praedicatorum ("Order of Preachers").



LITURGY SCHEDULE
18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
MON. AUGUST 04TH, 2025 TO
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2025
THE 18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 04, 2025

St John Vianney, Priest

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and in-Person

Tuesday, August 05, 2025

The Dedication of the Basilica

of St. Mary Major

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, August 06, 2025

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, August 07, 2025

**St Sixtus II Pope
and Companions, Martyrs**

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 am Mass

In-Person Only

First Friday, August 08, 2025

St. Dominic, Priest

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 am Mass

In-Person

Saturday August 09 2025

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Virgin and Martyr**

3:00 pm Confessions Heard

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts to follow

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY



August 03 @ 10:00 AM Mass
Keep them in your prayers
throughout the school year
Reception to follow in the Hall.

Marriage Jubilee!

July 26, 2025



The bishops of California have declared Saturday, July 26 as the **Jubilee of Marriage** during this powerful Jubilee of Hope. The vocation of marriage truly is a sign of hope! Each diocese will celebrate the Marriage Jubilee in a different way. Look on our website to learn more about events, prayer and service. Sign up at cacatholic.org/marriage

How can families celebrate the Jubilee of Marriage?

1. Pray together

Ask for the intercession of Sts. Anne and Joachim, and learn how to obtain a plenary indulgence for you and your spouse!

2. Have a celebratory family dinner

Take out your wedding photos and talk about what marriage has done for your life, your family, and your faith

3. Do a service project

Find something you can do as a couple or as a family to radiate your love to those most in need in your community. Visit CACatholic.org/marriage to participate in your diocese!



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What is "Safeguard the Children"?

The "Office of Safeguard the Children" is dedicated to "protecting all of God's children" by fully implementing Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002.

The Office of Safeguard the Children provides ongoing support, education, training and resources to help prevent child sexual abuse and to address children's safety in our parishes, schools, homes and communities. Quick & Easy Safe Environment Program Resources. The Quick & Easy Safe Environment Program Resources is a tool designed to support the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in its commitment to protecting children, young people, and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse. It provides essential guidance on topics such as mandatory audits, safeguarding resources, and training programs for both clergy and volunteers. Key features include: Information on accessing fingerprinting services and Safe Environment training.



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