

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



Saturday/Sunday
August 16/17, 2025
20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Gregory Anderson RIP

Mrs. Cornelia Livinus (Health)

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:00 am

Monique Owens (RIP)

Alfred Smith (Health)

Mrs. Rose Okereke (Health)



Weekly Services Schedule

August 18 to August 24, 2025

Monday/Tuesday, August 18/19, 2025:

Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8 am

Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (August 20/21/22)

Adoration 7:30 am /Morning Mass 8:00 am

Sat, August 23: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sun. August 24: 10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts follows Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Onyendu Family



**20TH SUNDAY
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Sun, August 17, 2025

**Readings for the 20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time, 2025**

**Commentaries on the Sunday Mass Readings
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Cycle C:**

First Reading—Jeremiah 38:4-6; 8-10.

The prophet was maltreated and imprisoned. Jeremiah was a man of God who suffered all his life for the sake of the one true religion.

Second Reading - Paul 's Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-4)

Our Lord endured the cross for the sake of the joy which lay before him. A great part of this joy was our resurrection to a glorified existence in the future life which his cross was earning for us.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 49-53

We who appreciate what Jesus has done for us, and are struggling with our natural weaknesses to profit by His salvific work, can console Him for the desertion of so many who He still loves dearly. God wants no one to be lost eternally. He detests sin, but still loves the sinner. He is always ready to pardon each and every sin we commit, if only we have the humility to say "mea culpa." Let those of us who have remained faithful never let a day pass without a fervent prayer for the prodigal sons of God, that they will acquire the humility to return to their father's home and ask for his pardon.

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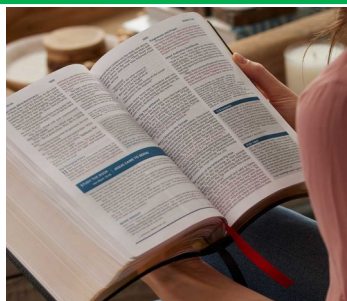
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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 17, 2025 Luke 12:49-53.

We who appreciate what God has done for us, striving hard against our natural weaknesses, to profit by His salvific work, can do something to console Him for the desertion of so many He still loves dearly. God's desire is that no human be lost eternally. He detests sin, but still loves the sinner and is always ready to forgive every sin we commit, if we have the humility to say "mea culpa." Those of us, who have remained faithful, must never let a day pass without praying for the "prodigal sons" of God. May they acquire the humility to return to their father's home and ask for his pardon. Please also ask God's peace will soon be restored. Christ foresaw our relationships would be broken, because of His "gospel of peace". First and foremost we must pray for, and do everything we can to help bring about, a reunion amongst all Christians who are followers of Christ by their baptism. Thanks to the late Saint Pope John XXIII, steps are now being taken to restore the unity, which Christ intended, to exist among his followers. We may not solve the theological problems which are preventing unity. However, each of us can do much to make personal contacts between the members of what were once opposing Churches. Let us put aside past prejudices and opinions. Neither we, nor our separated brethren, are responsible for the sins and failings of our ancestors. We are only responsible for our actions today. We fail Christ if we do not take a sincere and active interest in the Christian work of ecumenism. This does not mean we forget the children of Abraham whom, in our Mass, we call "our fathers in faith." They are still dear to God. We are now the Chosen People of the New Covenant. This New Covenant, is also for them. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, Greek nor Barbarian in the Church of Christ. It is for all of us, as St. Paul tells us. While respecting the beliefs of Jews and Muslims, which correspond with some of those we ourselves hold, let us pray fervently God will give them the grace to recognize Jesus as the Person he was, the Son of God in human nature, who came on earth to make us fit for heaven.



Join us for Bible Study

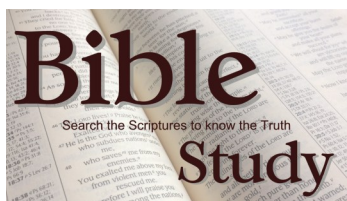
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Via ZOOM

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



Sacristans: What they are? What they do?

Primary Function: The Parish Sacristan's duties vary greatly. Their basic jobs are: Preparing the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place for the start of Mass.

While the **Minimum Qualifications** vary from Parish to Parish, here are some **"General Ideas of what they do and the training required":** **1)** Be an "Active member of the Catholic Church" particularly in the parish to which

they are assigned. **2)** *Possess a strong knowledge of the Order of the Catholic Mass. **3)** Be familiar with the liturgical calendar and liturgical celebrations.

4) Possess A working knowledge of and the ability to apply the information found in the ORDO is a plus. **Primary Duties and Responsibilities may include:**

- Preparing the altar and sanctuary for Mass • Preparing the Church for Mass.
- Assisting the Mass Presider; especially if they are a visiting (supply) priest. • Serve as Sacristan for weddings and funerals as needed, • Ensure "the various Liturgical items" are available for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals such as oils, incense, towels, a funeral pall, etc. • Prepare any specific items needed for special Rites as directed • Clean and refill Holy Water Fonts in chapel and at entry doors of the Church • Investigate the costs, availability, and orders flowers and plants throughout the year • Organizes the sacristy and supply rooms on a regular basis, Prepares specific items needed for any special rite i.e. St. Blasé candles, Ash Wednesday ashes, etc. In many parishes the Sacristan is responsible for "Marking the Readings" in the Lectionary, or the appropriate Mass sections in the sacramentary.



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 22

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. The Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship also has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use these titles. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

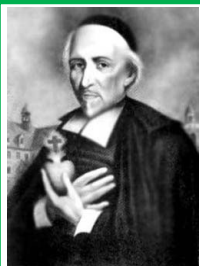


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Contact the Parish Office
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St John Eudes, Priest - August 19

John Eudes was born at Ri, Normandy, France, on November 14, 1601, the son of a farmer. He went to the Jesuit college at Caen when he was 14, and despite his parents' wish that he marry, joined the Congregation of the Oratory of France in 1623. He studied at Paris and at Aubervilliers, was ordained in 1625, and worked as a volunteer, caring for the victims of the plagues, which struck Normandy in 1625 and 1631, and spent the next decade giving Missions, building a reputation as an outstanding preacher and confessor and for his opposition to Jansenism. He became interested in helping fallen women, and in 1641, with Madeleine Lamy, founded a refuge for them in Caen, under the direction of the Visitandines. He resigned from the Oratorians in 1643 and founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists) at Caen, composed of secular priests not bound by vows, dedicated to upgrading the clergy by establishing effective seminaries and preaching missions. His foundation was opposed by the Oratorians and the Jansenists, and he was unable to obtain Papal approval for it. In 1650, the Bishop of Coutances invited him to establish a seminary in his diocese. The same year the sisters at his refuge in Caen left the Visitandines and were recognized by the Bishop of Bayeux as a new congregation under the name of Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge. John founded seminaries at Lisieux in 1653 and Rouen in 1659, but was unsuccessful in another attempt to secure Papal approval of his congregation. In 1666 the Refuge sisters received Pope Alexander III's approval as an institute to reclaim and care for penitent "wayward women."



St Pius X, Pope - August 21

Pope Pius X (Italian: Pio X; born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto; (2 June 1835 – 20 August 1914) was head of the Catholic Church from 4 August 1903 until his death in August 1914. Pius X is known for vigorously opposing modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, and for promoting liturgical reforms and Thomist scholastic theology. He initiated the preparation of the 1917 Code of Canon Law, the first comprehensive and systemic work of its kind, which was ultimately promulgated by his successor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church. Pius X was devoted to the Blessed

Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Confidence; while his encyclical "**Ad diem illum**" took on a sense of renewal which was reflected in the motto of his pontificate. He advanced the Liturgical Movement by formulating the principle of "**participatio actiosa**" (active participation of the faithful) in his motu proprio, *Tra le sollecitudini* (1903). He encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, and he lowered the age for First Communion, which would become a lasting innovation of his papacy. After his death, a strong cult of devotion followed his reputation for piety and holiness. He was beatified in 1951 and canonized in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. A statue bearing his name stands within Saint Peter's Basilica, and his birth town was renamed Riese Pio X after his death.



LITURGY SCHEDULE **20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME** **MON. AUGUST 18TH, 2025 TO** **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2025** **THE 21ST SUNDAY** **IN ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and in-Person

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

St John Eudes, Priest

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

St Bernard

Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, August 21, 2025

St Pius X, Pope

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 am Mass

In-Person Only

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 am Mass

In-Person

Saturday August 23 2025

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

3:00 pm Confessions Heard

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass

Following Mass
Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall
Sponsors Needed



***Missing One or More of Your Sacraments?
If So? We can Help***

If you have a child between the ages of 07 and 12, who has been baptized, they are eligible to begin classes to receive First Communion.

“First Holy Communion.” Orientation takes place on Sunday, September 07 at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall. Classes begin on Sunday, September 14th at Stella School (here on our property). Classes are from 8:45 am to 9:45 am, followed by 10:00 am Mass.

Confirmation Classes for Years 1 and 2 are open for registration now! Teens between 15 and 17 are eligible to enroll.

Please contact the Parish Office.

If you need to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and /or Confirmation, OCIA Classes are currently open for registration.

Teen OCIA accommodates ages 13-17.

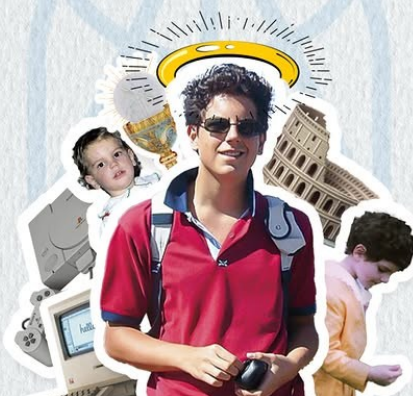
Adult OCIA includes ages 18 and older

**To Find out More? please contact
the Parish Office at (323) 293-4877**

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CANONIZATION
Announcement!

September 7th, 2025



Join Miss Dolly's Prayer Group
The SBCC Prayer Group meets every
Friday at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Office
All are Welcome!

Please Join us for prayer and fellowship!

Group prayer is a powerful practice that not only strengthens our relationship with God but also deepens our connections with one another. It is an opportunity for believers to hear and share the concerns of others and to petition God on behalf of those concerns.

Christian Service
Needs your Help!
Can you spare 1 or 2 Hours
on Monday

or Wednesday Mornings
Making sack lunches?

If so? Please call the
Parish Office (323)293-4877



Did You Know? August 2-3 || Who do children talk to about abuse?

Studies show when children know adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, children are more willing to come to adults with their problems. This is why other safe adults, like teachers and youth ministry volunteers, are essential to child protection. If a child discloses abuse, it is critical for a safe adult to provide a listening ear and help when needed, including reporting to the right people and authorities.

For more information?

Read the VIRTUS® article

“Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article

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