

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



Saturday/Sunday
August 23/24, 2025
21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 2025 @ 4:00 pm Mass

Deborah Robinson (RIP)

Mr. Dennie Uka, and Cedric Lewis (Health)

Sunday, August 24, 2025 @ 10:00 am Mass

Patricia Roberts (RIP)

Eva Sutton (Health)



Weekly Services Schedule

August 25 to August 31, 2025

Monday/Tuesday, August 25/26, 2025:

Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8 am

Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (August 27/28/29)

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

Sat, August 30: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sun. August 31: 10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts follows Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

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**Ordinary
Time**

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Sun, August 24, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 was written.
after the return from exile, 538 B.C. the aim was
to console the returned exiles, who were de-
pressed when they saw the sad state of Jerusalem
and the poverty of the country. Isaiah foretold

the future glory of Jerusalem to which people of all nations would come. It
would be the center from which the knowledge of the true God would be
dispersed.

Second Reading St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13.

Last Sunday St. Paul encouraged Christians to be ready to face adversity
and hardships. He compared them with athletes who endure so much in
order to win a contest. He reiterates we must expect hardship — it is part of
our training. We cannot win the prize unless we undergo this training. It is
God who sends us these trials. He wants us to win the eternal prize because
he loves us; he is our Father.

Gospel Reading Luke 13:22-30 concerns those who hear Christ's
message but refuse to follow it. While the questioner who asked how many
would be saved did not get a direct answer from Christ, nevertheless it was
made clear to him and all of us, each one's salvation is in his own hands.
All those who accept Christ, his teaching and the helps he has made
available to them, will enter the kingdom of God. On the other hand, those
who are excluded from eternal kingdom will have only themselves to blame.
God invites all to heaven. He gives all the help necessary to everyone.

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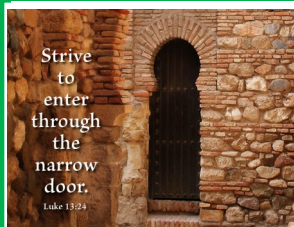
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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 24, 2025 Luke 13: 22-30.

This week's Gospel Reading Christ mentions "the narrow door" through which we must enter God's kingdom. To do so we must exercise self-restraint and mortification. We do this by keeping his commandments. When we are called to judgment it will be too late to shout "Sir, open for us." We should seek his mercy and forgiveness during our earthly life. He would have granted it. Neither will it avail us to say "we knew him in life". Being "acquainted with Christ" is not enough. We should have loved him and become his real friends, which we can only do by loyally following him. "He taught in our streets" only proves our guilt. We could have learned his doctrine; we could have become his disciples, but we did not. The pagan who never heard of Christ will not be condemned for not following his teaching, however, the Christian who heard his doctrine and refused to carry it out, deserves condemnation. As descent from Abraham was not a claim for special consideration on the part of the Jews, neither will any other circumstances of nationality, birth or earthly privilege help us on the day of judgment. Each one of us will stand or fall based on our lives during our time on earth. Nothing nor anyone else can change the just judgment of God when "that moment" arrives. The thought of our moment of judgment is a staggering one even for the holiest of us. Things and actions do not trouble us much now, but will appear in a different light then. The prayers we omitted or said carelessly, the Masses we missed on flimsy excuses, the little bit of continual injustice to a workman or customer, or the dishonesty practiced by a worker against his employer, the sins of impurity of which we thought rather lightly, the bad language so freely used and the scandal we spread so flippantly, the money wasted on drink or gambling when our children needed nourishment and clothing — these, and many other such faults of which we excuse ourselves so easily now, will not be a source of joy or consolation for us on the dread day, if we arrive at God's justice-seat still burdened with them.



Join us for Bible Study

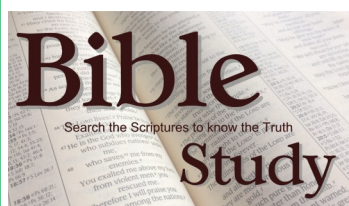
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Via ZOOM**

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

**7:00 pm Study
ID 811 5705 8134
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Dacosta Collymore
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The Passion of St John the Baptist—August 29

One of the oldest feasts within the Church, is the Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Just as John preceded Jesus in birth, preaching, and baptizing, so too did he precede Jesus in death, dying as a prefiguration of the one who would give His life sacrificially on the Cross. John's death resulted from his bold proclamation of the truth. His call to repentance extended to everyone, including Herod Antipas, the tetrarch, ruler of Galilee and Perea. Although the area where John was preaching (the Jordan Valley) was not directly governed by Herod, Herod nonetheless was well aware of John's preaching and his condemnation of him. As a result, Herod was able to have John arrested and imprisoned. John was most likely imprisoned in a fortress constructed by Herod Antipas' father, Herod the Great, named Machaerus, in modern-day Jordan. Alternatively, he might have been imprisoned in the Herodium, another palace under Herod's control just south of Jerusalem. Two of the Gospels narrate the story of John's death: Matthew 14:1–12 and Mark 6:14–29. John's criticism of Herod was specific. He condemned Herod's unlawful marriage to his brother's wife, Herodias. Though Herod seemed to fear John and his disciples because of John's popularity and the power of his words, he decided to appease Herodias' hatred of John for condemning her and Herod. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter, traditionally named Salome, performed a dance for Herod and his guests that so pleased him he promised her anything she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom. Her mother saw her opportunity for revenge and convinced her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. In his weakness, Herod complied. After John's death, the Bible tells us "His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and went and told Jesus" (Matthew 14:12).

The difference between an ordinary Eucharist Minister and an Extraordinary Eucharist Minister?

There is no such thing as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. The position of the layperson who distributes Holy Communion alongside the priest is referred to as an "Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion." The term "Ordinary" refers to someone who is ordained. A Bishop is often called an "Ordinary" because he is the ordained spiritual leader of a Diocese. The word "Extraordinary" means "outside ordination." It refers to a minister who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. "Ordinary Ministers of Communion" are Bishops, Priests and Deacons.



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St Monica - August 27

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica. While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized. Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission. For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them. As time passed, Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life, but unfortunately Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling. While in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichean, which was a major religion which saw the world as light and darkness, and when one died, they were removed from the world of matter and returned to the world of light, which is where life comes from. After Augustine got his education and returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Though it is not recorded how much time passed, Monica had a vision convincing her to reconcile with her wayward son.



St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - August 28

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, including parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, he could not understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted upon reading the life of St. Anthony. He felt terribly ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!" Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
MON. AUGUST 25TH, 2025 TO
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 2025
THE 22ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 25, 2025 St Louis
St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and in-Person

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, August 28, 2025
St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 am Mass
In-Person Only

Friday, August 29, 2025
The Passion of St John the Baptist
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 am Mass
In-Person

Saturday August 30 2025
Blessed Virgin Mary
3:00 pm Confessions Heard
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 31, 2025
22nd 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.

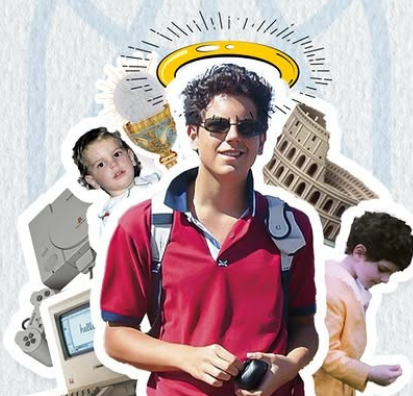
Adult OCIA includes ages 18 and older

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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.

Keeping Up With Our Young Adults

On August 3, 2025, St Bernadette celebrated its annual **‘Back To School’ Mass** for those attending college for the first time, for those returning to college, and for those returning to high school and all other grades. A reception was held in the parish hall after Mass. This date was also our annual back pack give away which included school supplies of various kinds. The event was enthusiastically received by the youths and parishioners.



**Did You Know—August 16-17 ||
Back to school safety tips**

As your children head back to school, parents should begin laying the groundwork (if they haven't already) for open communication about the school's safety guidelines and policies. Talk to children about safe adults and keep lines of communication open about who they see and interact with, how they feel about their school days, and what they are learning. Remind children regularly that they should find a safe adult if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation.

For more tips, read “Talking to Kids About Safety and Boundaries for Back to School” by visiting <https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school>