

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



Saturday/Sunday
August 30/31, 2025
21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30, 2025 @ 4:00 pm Mass

Edna Moret (RIP)

Theodore Schlater (RIP)

Sunday, August 31, 2025 @ 10:00 am Mass

Joseph W Jones RIP



Weekly Services Schedule

September 01 to September 07, 2025

Monday/Tuesday, (September 01/02, 2025):

Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8 am

Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (September 03/04/05)

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

Sat, September 06: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sun. September 07: 10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts follows Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

Donors Needed and Welcomed



Ordinary
Time

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun, August 31, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

focuses on the profound virtue of **humility**.
“Humility” is not about “groveling” or thinking
less of oneself, but about recognizing
the **truth** of our being. This truth has two parts:

First, we are all sinners and in need of God’s mercy.

Second Reading St Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews:, The reason why the Church has selected these verses is the same reason St. Paul had when he wrote them. He wanted to impress on the Jewish converts the superiority of the Christian religion over the Old Testament, which they had practiced until their conversion.

Gospel Reading Luke 13:22-30 The English word “humility” is derived from a Latin root which means close to the earth. It is a relational word, and calls for action. It means willingly giving up your place, emptying yourself, for another. In the Gospel, Jesus offers a parable to demonstrate what humility looks and acts like. There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbor. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body we have are from God—our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, I thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than I would. I have enough gifts of my own.

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The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 31, 2025 Luke 13: 22-30.

Jesus can't say it enough. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus told his followers that the last shall be first and the first shall be last (Mt 20:16) and in John's Gospel we have the powerful image of Christ washing the feet of his apostles (Jn 13: 1-17) and explaining, "I have given you a model to follow." And who can forget John the Baptist's prophetic proclamation, "He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)? The need for humility, of course, isn't something unique to the New Testament, as we hear in the first reading from Sirach: "My child, conduct your affairs with humility." Humanity has been struggling with this idea from the beginning — ever since pride and the desire for forbidden fruit brought about our exile from Eden. Where has this led us? Today, we compete for the better office, the bigger house, the flashier car, the statements of status that prop up our egos and announce to us (and others), "I'm really something, aren't I?" This week, our Scripture says, "Wait. You're doing this wrong." Humility is such a critical part of the Christian story. Jesus was born in the humblest of circumstances, with a manger for a bed, in a world that literally had no room for him; his father was a modest carpenter; his mother was an anonymous girl who surrendered her will to God's; his hometown was the subject of dismissive ridicule; he spent his life with almost nothing to his name, not even a permanent home; and after a brutal and degrading death, he was buried in a borrowed tomb. Yet from all of that came a figure who literally changed the world. From that, came our salvation. He is our ultimate model of humility. If he is our model, how are we following his example? This Gospel is a call to action. St. Augustine understood. He wrote about how urgently the Christian heart needs to stamp out pride and look lovingly toward caring for and serving others. "Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues," he wrote. "Hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance." Pope Francis echoed that. He once noted being "poor in spirit," being humble, is the first of the beatitudes. "It is the first," he said, "because it underlies those which follow it: meekness, mercy, purity of heart,



Join us for Bible Study

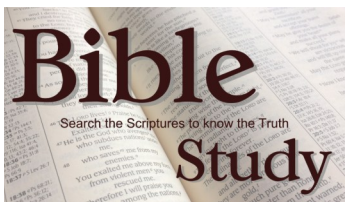
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Via ZOOM**

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

**7:00 pm Study
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Labor Day and Catholicism—September 01

Work is, in the words of John Paul II, "a fundamental dimension of Man's existence on earth" ("Laborem Exercens," No. 4). The Church, in reflecting on the dignity and purpose of human work, offers the faithful a rich vein of social teaching. Among the teachings the Church commends for reflection, criteria for judgment and action, I would offer the following taken from our bishops' conference statement "A Catholic Framework for Economic Life:"

- The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.
- A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are doing/surviving.
- All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life (e.g. food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment, economic security).
- All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefit, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations. These seem especially appropriate for our reflection on Labor Day. Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work: among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. Workers today, like my parents in their time, know the value of what they do in order to provide for themselves and their families and to contribute to the development of society. Yet they also know the difficulties and challenges their work can bring, especially the need to balance time spent at work with time spent at home with their families.



The Ministry of Hospitality involves ushers and greeters who create a welcoming environment for all members and visitors during Mass and parish events, serving as the first point of contact and the "face of Christ" to others. This ministry, with roots in the Old Testament, extends the spirit of welcome beyond the Mass to include practical support for parishioners, facilitating community connections through various acts of service and kindness.. This ministry, with roots in the Old Testament, extends the spirit of welcome beyond the Mass to include practical support for parishioners, facilitating community connections through various acts of service and kindness.



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The Role of Women in Catholic Ministry

To understand the role of women in Catholic ministry, consider the following points:

Women can serve in various ministries, including education, pastoral care, and liturgical roles.

Many women hold leadership positions in Catholic organizations and charities.

The Church recognizes the importance of women's contributions to community life and spiritual growth.

Women are involved in theological education and scholarship, influencing Church teachings.

Some women serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and lectors during Mass.

The Church encourages dialogue about expanding women's roles in decision-making processes.

We invite you to "Join us" on October in the St Berenadette Parish Hall as three of the stellar female leaders in the Catholic Church come together to discuss the future of women in the Catholic Church



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

**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.

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>