

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



Saturday/Sunday
Sept. 27/28, 2025
The 26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27, 2025

@ 4:00 pm Mass

Cyril Sampson (RIP)

Sunday, September 28, 2025 @ 10:00 am Mass

Mildred Betton (RIP)

Edward Addo Opoku (RIP)



Weekly Services Schedule

September 29 to October 05, 2025

Monday/Tuesday, (September 29/30, 2025):

Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8 am

Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (October 01/02/03)

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

Sat, October 04: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sun. October 05: 10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts follows Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

Donors Needed and Welcomed



The Twenty Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

Mass Readings for Sunday:

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 19-31

We have heard "God loves us unconditionally". This is true and defines who God is, separating Him from us who cannot love perfectly. Loving us unconditionally refers to loving the dignity of humans, not everything about us. God cannot love our sinfulness or, our lack of knowing and loving Him and others. "Woe to the person who takes my love for granted." The readings for today compare those who "have" and those who "have not." It gives us some insight as to how God feels about our lack of charity. In the First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos (6:1A, 4-7), the Prophet delivers a strong message from God to the people of the northern kingdom of Israel in the 8th century BC regarding their abandonment of the ways God and Moses had taught them. Their sin was reveling in their luxuries while the poor went hungry. All were being lead to worship pagan gods. Their doom is prophesied by Amos, and their destruction is not far off. God will not tolerate being mocked. In Luke (16:19-31) we hear the familiar, but puzzling story of Lazarus and the rich man. It is a summary of all of the readings before. The story contrasts, the rich and the poor; but it also contains a prophecy regarding the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' mission on earth was to remind us of the basic laws of justice and the "golden rule." If we don't listen to Moses or Jesus or the prophets and go our own way regarding our life, our time, talents and treasures, then God will measure us accordingly. It is often said "Charity covers many sins," but charity is not just giving money to the poor. Charity is in our speech and in our actions .



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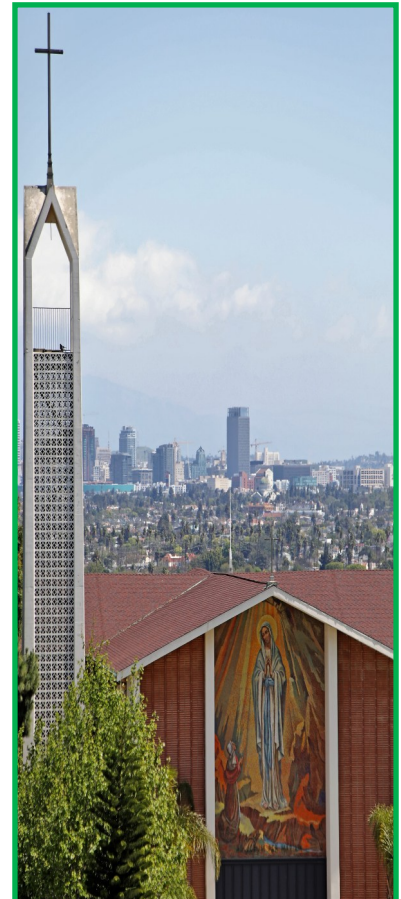
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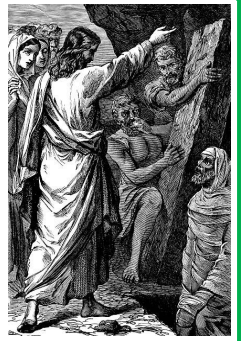
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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 28, 2025

As much as we try to spiritualize the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, it is difficult to explain away its central message, especially given what Luke has to say about money and possessions elsewhere in his Gospel. The fates of these two individuals after death are very much tied to their experiences of wealth and poverty in this life. The rich man has no name, although he's been given various names in later history such as Dives, which means "rich" in Latin. By contrast, Lazarus is the only name given to anyone in Jesus' parables; it means El-azar, "God has helped." The story begins with a drastic reversal which happens after these two men die (16:19-23). In his lifetime, the rich man ostentatiously displayed his wealth with beautiful clothes and lavish feasts. Conversely, Lazarus was covered with sores, was hungry, and had only dogs to lick his sores. After his death, Lazarus is carried away to an honored place beside Abraham, God's friend and the father of Israel (3:8; 13:29). By contrast, the rich man finds himself in Hades, a place of torment and eternal punishment (10:15). A conversation ensues between the rich man and Abraham (16:24-26). The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to ease his pain in Hades, but Abraham responds this cannot be done. Their fortunes have shifted. In their lifetimes, Lazarus suffered bad things and he experienced good things, but now Lazarus is comforted and he is in agony. A "great chasm" now exists between the two, which cannot be crossed. The rich man then begs Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his five brothers about Hades (16:27-41). Abraham replies they already have Moses and the prophets to warn them. This response is congruent with Luke's emphasis on the continuity between Jesus' teaching and that of Moses and the prophets (see 24:26-28; 44-48; see also 16:16-17). When Lazarus maintains that his brothers will change their ways if someone comes to them from the dead, Abraham replies if they have not listened to Moses and the prophets, they definitely will not be convinced by someone being raised from the dead.



Join us for Bible Study

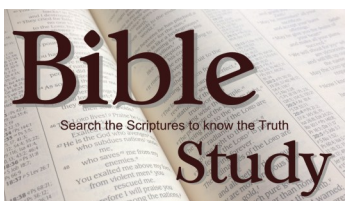
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Michael, Gabriel and Raphael—Archangels

These three Archangels are recognized in the Bible, each with distinct roles as protectors, messengers, and healers. They are not the only angels who appear in the Bible however.

St. Michael the Archangel

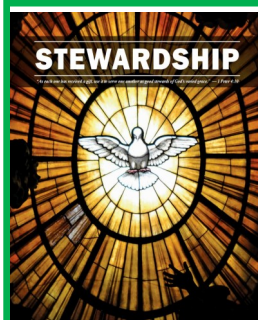
Known as the protector and leader of the heavenly armies. His name means "Who is like God?" and he is often invoked for protection against evil and spiritual warfare. The earliest surviving mentions of his name are in third- and second-century BC Jewish works, often but not always apocalyptic.

St. Gabriel the Archangel

In the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam), Gabriel is an archangel with the power to announce God's will to mankind, as the messenger of God. He is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament and the Quran. In the Book of Daniel, Gabriel appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. He also appears in the Book of Enoch and other ancient Jewish writings not preserved in Hebrew. Alongside the archangel Michael, Gabriel is described as the guardian angel of the Israelites, defending them against the angels of the other peoples.

St Raphael the Archangel

Raphael first appears in two works: 1 Enoch, a collection of originally independent texts from the 3rd century BC, and the Book of Tobit, from the early 2nd century BC. In the oldest stratum of 1 Enoch (1 Enoch 9:1) he is one of the four named archangels, and in Tobit 12:11–15 he is one of seven. His name means "to heal".



Catholic Stewardship Prayer.

Open your hearts to the love God instills in them. God loves you tenderly. What he gives you is not to be kept under lock and key, but to be shared. The more you save, the less you will be able to give. The less you have, the more you will now have to share. Let us ask God, when it comes to ask God for something, to help us to be generous.

In Jesus' name we pray...AMEN

Mother Teresa—In My Own Words



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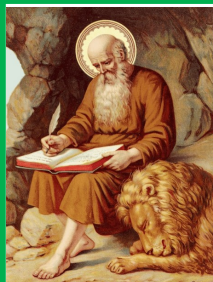
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St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church —Sept. 30
I interpret as I should, following the command of Christ:
“Search the Scriptures,” and “Seek and you shall find.”
For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the
wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know
Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God,
then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
~Saint Jerome, Commentary on Isaiah

Saint Jerome was a devout Christian, theologian, priest, and monk. He preached the truth, even when people objected or took offense. His dedication to the Holy Scriptures is second to none, and the impact of his translations and writings continues to be felt today. As we honor this early saint, ponder your own commitment to a prayerful reflection on the Word of God. Saint Jerome should inspire us to devote more of our attention to a better love for God's Word through study, reflection, and prayer. Commit yourself to this ideal, and seek Saint Jerome's intercession as you do.

The Holy Guardian Angels - October 02, 2025

Guardian Angels are divine beings assigned to guide and protect every human being throughout their journey on Earth. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336), "From infancy to death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession." The existence of these angels is confirmed throughout the Bible, as in Psalm 91:11: "For God commands the angels to guard you in all your ways." Jesus himself affirmed the presence of Guardian Angels when He said: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). This indicates the closeness of Guardian Angels to both humans and God, highlighting their role as constant intercessors for us.



The First Friday of the Month (October 3) **How did the First Friday Devotion begin?**

While some saints referenced the Heart of Jesus in their writings even centuries earlier, in 1673, a French Visitandine (Visitation) nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus, wherein he

asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to "receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months." The request was connected to a specific promise made to all who venerated and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. After Margaret Mary's death, the First Friday practice steadily spread in the Church — endorsed by popes and promoted by saints — but it greatly increased in popularity when Margaret Mary was canonized a saint in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV. What am I supposed to do on First Fridays? Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ's Sacred Heart. If you are not in a state of grace, and thus unable to receive, you will also need to go to confession.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
MON. SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 TO
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2025
THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 29, 2025
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

St Jerome, Priest
and Doctor of the Church
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, October 01, 2025 St
Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday, October 02, 2025

The Holy Guardian Angels
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 am Mass
In-Person Only

Friday, October 03, 2025

First Friday of the Month
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 am Mass
In-Person Only

Saturday, October 04, 2025

St Francis of Assisi
3:00 pm Confessions Heard
4:00 pm Mass

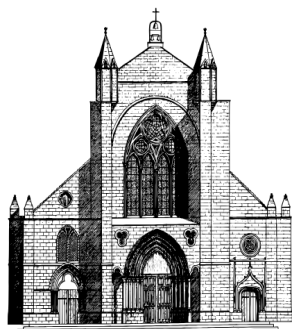
Sunday, October 05, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Mass
Following Mass
Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall
Sponsors
Dcn. Jim and Teresa Carper





**Join us
Saturday, October 4,
2025
1:30pm - 3:30pm in
the parish hall
to celebrate
Women in Ministry.**



Engage with a panel of distinguished women from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as they reflect and look forward to the role of women in the Church.

Bring your children to participate in a coloring activity and brief discussion on how they can serve in the Church.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP and submit your questions in advance.

All are invited to attend 4pm mass following this charismatic, free event.

See you there!



In Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month
St. Bernadette invites you to join us, as we



This Sunday Service is day when all people of faith join together to Pray for a Cure.

on Sunday - October 12th, 2025

10 AM Mass

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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All Parishioners please participate by **Wearing Pink to Mass.**

We will be honoring our survivors & praying for all who are ill.



Everyone is welcome to bring a picture of a loved one who have lost their Battle to Cancer.

Following Mass there will be information and items given out during our Coffee & Donut Social Hour in the Hall.



Worship in Pink Sunday Service is a national initiative where faith-based communities, churches, synagogues, mosques and temples all pray and educate their congregation & their local community, about breast health and breast cancer.



**Feast of St Francis Saturday, October 4th, 2025
6:00 am - 4:00 pm AWA following 4:00 pm Mass**

The custom of blessing animals on October 4th, in honor of St Francis of Assisi, is a cherished tradition which has grown in popularity across the USA. This practice involves bringing pets to churches for a special ceremony to be blessed or, in some cases, receiving individual blessings through out the day. It demonstrates all living creatures are loved and cherished by God. Deacon Jim, who has observed this custom for seven or more years will be stationed in front of the St Bernadette Parish Office (3825 Don Felipe Drive, LA, CA, 90008). You can walk or drive up. **No Donations are required. Photography is welcomed.**



**Did You Know? September 27-28 ||
Forms of Cyber Bullying**

With the widespread use of mobile devices, more and more children are susceptible to cyber bullying, which has far-reaching consequences. Cyber bullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding "private" photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. **For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. Read the VIRTUS® article "Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers" here.**

