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**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
Nov. 22/23, 2025
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Mass Intentions for November 22 and 23

The Church considers the Mass the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of His death and resurrection.

Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Cindy Ortiz (Health)

Araceli Eustaquio (Health)

Martha Nunez (60th Birthday)

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 10:00 am

Romel Busto (RIP)

Cynthia Hernandez (RIP)

Freddie Mae Simpson (RIP)

Weekend Priest Presider Schedules

Saturday, November 22, 2025 (BVM)

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Msgr. Mac

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Msgr. Mac

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 am Mass Fr. Mbata

Saturday, November 29 2025 (BVM)

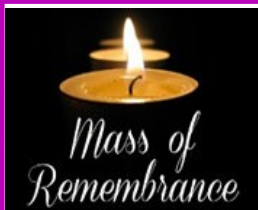
3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Mbata

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Fr. Mbata

Sunday, November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass Msgr. Mac



Our Annual Mass of Remembrance November 22, 2025 @ 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Through out history civilizations have revered those who have “gone before them.” Those who have died. It has been said we are the “sum total” of those we encounter. Many traditions, such as grave markers, epitaphs, memorials, even a holiday entitled: MEMORIAL DAY have arisen. Every major culture celebrates memorials or traditions honoring the dead. These memorials may be as simple as setting an extra place setting or leaving an empty chair at family gatherings to celebrating national holidays such as “Memorial Day”. Every year St Bernadette Church celebrates a Memorial Mass specifically honoring those who have died during the “past year.” Over the years it has become a tradition to include all of those loved ones who have departed this “earthly realm.” This year is no exception. Thank you to all who submitted names thus far. The list will remain on the altar for the remainder of November. Additional names may be added during that time, and may they all truly “Rest in Peace.”

**Ways To Stay In Touch
with St Bernadette Church**

**Read the Bulletin
Available in Print**

or

**Go to the Parish Website
stbernadettela.org**

**Make sure the Parish has
your email so we can
FLOCKNOTE you
important info.**

Call Us (323) 293-4877

**Listen to the Parish Pulpit
Announcements. (If you
don't and ask a question
we think you left early).**

**If all else fails...
Ask Deacon Jim...
He won't know;
but he knows how
to find out.**





“Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Luke 23: 35-43

Luke’s narrative about Jesus’ interaction with two criminals, while on the cross, presents us with two, diametrically opposed world views. One of the two criminals confronts Jesus with arrogance: “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.” This is not so much an observation or a request. Rather it is a remark laden with sarcasm. How often do we approach life, and the problems with which it presents us, with the same arrogance and sarcasm. When things are not going the way we want or expect them to go, we want God to “fix things.” We question God. “Why me Lord?” Why is this happening to me?!” Sadly, today’s world creates within us, a sense of entitlement. We all listen to the same radio station: WIIFM (*What’s In It For Me?*). We become so committed to what we want and/or so consumed by what we think we need we lose our sense of purpose. Marketing and consumerism have mislead us into believing the road to happiness is paved with owning the right products or utilizing the right service. Sadly, whiter teeth, softer skin, a nicer car and the latest cell phone may give us temporary satisfaction, but they will not lead to everlasting life. In fact, when confronted by our credit card bills, it may create the opposite effect. And, perhaps due to “planned obsolescence” it may result in the constant need to “stay ahead” by a need to own the “newest” and the “nicest” of everything. Also, Jesus prefaced His response with the phrase, “I tell you the truth” (**“*Verily I say unto thee*”** in the KJV). Many scholars have noticed that Jesus uses this as a **prefix phrase** when He is about to say something that should be listened to with care. Seventy-six times in the New Testament, Jesus uses the phrase. Interestingly, no one but Jesus ever says it. When the Lord says “I tell you the truth,” He is affirming that what He is about to say is worthy of special attention. It was Jesus’ way of saying, “Listen up! What I’m about to say is very important and should be listened to carefully.” We are too used to hearing the phrase to appreciate the astonishing authority it expresses and the often solemn nature of the announcement that follows. In every one of the 76 times Christ uses this introductory phrase, He simply says it and then makes a startling statement.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Our parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for our Christmas Services

An "Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion" assists in the distribution of Holy Communion, either during the Mass, or afterwards, such as to housebound persons.

Interested?

**Please Contact
Deacon Jim
OR?**

**The Parish Office
(323) 293-4877**

You need not be an existing EMC. Training will only take a few minutes of your time.



Sf. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions — November 24

Martyrs, the Seed of the Church

One man, a priest, gives his name to today’s feast, but the one stands for many: 117 Vietnamese faithful. They were bishops, priests, and many laypeople, a mother of six and even a nine-year-old child, who gave their lives for Christ between the 17th and the 19th centuries. 96 were native Vietnamese and 21 were Spanish or French missionaries who had embraced that land and culture. The group of 117, canonized together by Pope John Paul II in 1988, in turn stands for a nameless multitude estimated at between 100,000 and 300,000 martyrs, the “great cloud of witnesses” whose blood was the seed of a thriving Church in the land of Vietnam.

**Did You Know November 22-23
Facts about
psychological grooming**

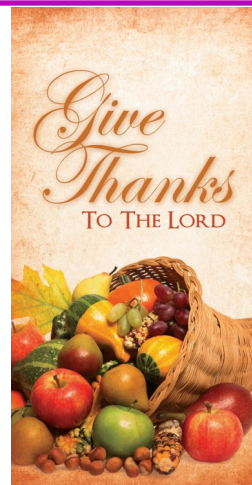
A few weeks ago, we looked at physical grooming and how predators use it to lure victims. Another type of grooming is psychological, in which a predator spends a great deal of time with his or her victim, showering them with attention and making the victim feel a shared connection. When the predator becomes a peer to the child, then he has control. He can then offer special treatment — or threaten to take away that treatment, and even make threats against the child’s family, pets, and other friends.



For more information about psychological grooming, read the VIRTUS® article “The Grooming Process” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. [Read the VIRTUS® article “The Grooming Process” here.](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)
If you would like to learn more about VIRTUS® or sign up for a training session please visit, lacatholics.org/education-and-training.



**DONUT Miss This Opportunity
No Set Up, No Pick Up, Just Pay Up
And? Drink Up.**
All you need to do is Donate,
all or part of, the Weekly Cost
(about \$100) to the church.
We will take care of the rest.
For more info just call the Parish
Office (323)293-4877
**This week's Donut Hero
DONORS DESPRATELY DESIRED**



Thanksgiving and Catholicism

Thanksgiving is, in many ways, the quintessential American holiday. Its origins—an English non-conformist Protestant sect's celebration with pagan Indians—hardly seems the stuff of Catholicism. Is the author then going to try to wedge a Catholic angle into Thanksgiving? No. I'm going to argue that Thanksgiving is the quintessential Catholic celebration. Why? Because we do it every day (except for Good Friday), when we celebrate the Eucharist. "Eucharistia" literally means "thanksgiving." Whenever Catholics celebrate the Eucharist, they celebrate "thanksgiving"—thanksgiving that, in his sacrifice on the cross made present again here on the altar, Jesus Christ rescued us from death and gave us the opportunity for life everlasting. He restored to us what Adam lost for us. The only reason to be lost is you want to be; something to be constantly thankful for. It's a paradox that the Pilgrims, the Puritans and most Protestants marginal-

ized the Eucharist. Yes, Catholics ideally have celebrated the Eucharist every day. But let's make one thing perfectly clear: the Eucharist was *the* focus of what Christians gathering in churches every week for centuries celebrated. Up until the sixteenth century, the celebration of the Eucharist was *the* Sunday liturgy. It was what Christians East and West gathered for on the Lord's Day.



**Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr—November 25, 2025**

St Catherine is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church who, per Christian tradition, was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. Of course, the Church of the first Millennium was undivided. She is also recognized as the Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church. There are no surviving primary sources attesting to her existence, but the fact that her memory, and the stories about her, have been kept alive - and handed down in

the tradition - certainly confirm her existence, and her life of heroic virtue and holiness. The young saint was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, Alexandria was one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith. Christian tradition states she was of noble birth, possibly a princess. As a member of the nobility, she was also educated and was an avid scholar. Around the age of fourteen, she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian. Although she was a teenager, she was very intelligent and gifted. When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty. Rather than order her execution, Maxentius summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her. However, Catherine was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Her words were so moving several of the pagans converted to Christianity and were immediately executed.

She is the Patron Saint of Scholars, Philosophers and Students.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
MONDAY, NOV 24
TO SUNDAY, NOV 30, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Monday, November 24, 2025

**St Andrew Dung-Lac,
Priest and Companions, Martyrs**
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

**St Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr**
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025 St.

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

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Holiday
Parish Office and
Christian Service Closed
7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass
In-Person only

Friday, November 28, 2025

Thanksgiving Holiday
Parish Office and
Christian Service Closed
7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass
In-Person only

Saturday, Nov 29, 2025

The Blessed Virgin Mary
3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Nov 30, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Sponsored by ????

(Sacraments as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word

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MARINA AYALA**

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TERESA CARPER**

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**

**Leaders
Dacosta Collymore
Clarence Dixon
Contact: Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



Christmas Poinsettias



Please purchase your red Christmas poinsettias now as a tribute in memory of a loved one or adorn your home or office in celebration of the birth of Christ. Tribute poinsettias will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas Season. You may purchase now until December 16, 2025. Write your check to St. Bernadette Church and put in the memo section "Christmas Poinsettias". This is a very short time to purchase so we ask that you make your decision within the time frame mentioned above. For more information contact the Rectory Office @ 323-293-4877.

Purchaser's Name (please print clearly) _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

In memory Of _____

6 1/2" w/pot cover -- \$20.00 each

Number Purchasing _____

Total Amount Of Purchase _____



Jesus is the Reason for the Season

"Come home to St. Bernadette for Christmas"
for Our Annual Holiday Dinner Dance.



Event Details
Date: Saturday, December 6th, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Saint Bernadette Parish Hall
3825 Don Felipe Drive Los Angeles CA 90008
Adult Ticket \$50/ Child Ticket \$25

Bring your family and friends to gather in faith, fellowship, and festive cheer as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together!

Hosted by the St. Bernadette Christmas Committee
323-293-4877 or
Call/ text Lorraine Sampson 323-632-0964

**Thanksgiving
Food Blessings.**

Blessing Thanksgiving food (particularly loaves of bread and bottles of wine) has become an endearing custom over the years. If you would like your food blessed, bring your bread and wine to Mass on November 22 or 23 or to the Thanksgiving Day Mass. You can also drop by the church during office hours. If you have questions or concerns simply call the office. Our Deacon might even make a house call if needed.

**Junior Daughters
Annual
Holiday Gifting
Service Project
Benefitting
View Park
Convalescent
Home**

Items Needed:

Beanies

Socks

Hand Sanitizer

**Crossword Puzzle
Books**

Tissue Paper

**Unscented Hand
Lotion**

**Making Christmas
a
little brighter**