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The Baptism
 of the Lord
 January 10/11, 2026

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THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 MINISTRY
 Donations of Pre-Packaged,
 Canned Food and Staples are
 appreciated and Gracefully
 Accepted



Mass Intentions

January 10/January 11, 2026

Offering a Mass for a specific intention
 is a tradition in the Catholic Church.

Saturday, Jan 10, 2026 4:00

Oscar Moret (RIP)

Sunday, Jan 11, 2026 10:00 am

For all those seeking initiation into the Catholic Faith

*Please submit Mass intention requests to the parish office,
 at least eight days in advance.*

Weekend Priest Presider Schedules

Saturday, January 10, 2026

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Mbata

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Fr. Mbata

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

Msgr. Mac

Saturday, January 17, 2026

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Msgr. Mac

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Msgr. Mac

Sunday, January 18, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass

Fr. Mbata

St Bernadette Sr Club Corner All parishioners are invited to attend the
Senior Club Meeting on January 14th for an informative presentation
 from Metro Transit. Topics include, but are not limited to: a presentation
 by METRO Transit Authority included Discounts (available to all age
 groups) as well as 20 free rides a month for
 those who qualify. Please bring your ID.

**The meeting is in the Parish Hall and
 begins at 11:00 am**

**Please RSVP to Bara King @ (323)252-
 4984 or Pat Botshekan @ (323)770-6347**



SAVE THE DATE February 17th

It's Mardi Gras Time



**Tickets Go On Sale this Weekend Following
 all Masses**



Don't Be Left Out





Baptism of the Lord— January 11, 2026

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from the Epiphany. It is celebrated in the Catholic Church as well as

the Anglican and Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6). Some Lutheran churches celebrate it on the Sunday before Lent, or Quinquagesima. The Baptism of the Lord is a pivotal event in scripture, where Jesus is Baptized by John “the Baptizer” in the Jordan River marking the beginning of His “public ministry” as well as the manifestation of the Holy Trinity. This is a significant moment for the Christian Faith as it demonstrates Jesus’ relationship to God as Son. The term "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word “epiphaneia”, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." It signifies the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and his recognition by the Magi, who traveled to honor him after his birth. This event is seen as a pivotal moment in Christian theology, marking the first acknowledgment of Christ's divinity by non-Jewish visitors. It also speaks to the baptism we receive as being something “of God.”



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

**Our parish is in need of
“Extraordinary
Ministers of
Communion”**

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

**Interested?
Please Contact
Deacon Jim or The
Parish Office
(323) 293-4877**



St. Marguerite Bourgeoys— January 12, 2026

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys was born in Troyes, France in 1620, and died in Montreal in 1700. She is renowned for her work, her spirituality, and her impact on society and the Church in North America. St. Marguerite’s apostolic spirituality was a special gift to the Church. She was a woman of action in her time and left a mark on the history of Montreal and education in Canada. She was a woman of faith and deeply committed to the service of the Gospels. She was personally motivated by the missionary journeying of Mary in service to her cousin, Elizabeth, and desired to form a group of uncloistered women who would imitate Mary in this mystery of the Visitation. St. Marguerite had an exceptional and practical love of God and neighbor. She had a great desire to serve the Church in its most local form, the parish. She exhorted her extern congregation of educators to be “daughters of the parish” – to worship with the people and use the local church as a source of spiritual nourishment.



Did You Know— January 10/11, 2026

How to advocate with children for their safety

As a safe adult, you have tremendous power to make a profound difference for children – not only by recognizing and responding to unsafe situations, but also by teaching children about their rights to safety and creating environments where they can speak up and get help. There are skills we can teach to children to help them to better protect themselves when faced with tough situations like child sexual abuse or grooming experiences where their boundaries are violated. It is



important to make sure children know this, so they don’t feel guilt or shame if abuse does happen, to them or to a friend.

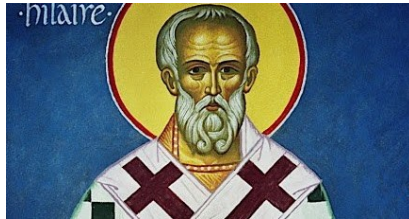
For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know..



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No Set Up, No Pick Up,
Just Pay Up Then Drink Up
All you need to do is Donate,
all or part of, the Weekly Cost to the church.
We will take care of the rest.
For more info just call the Parish Office
(323)293-4877
Donor Michelle Williams
in Honor of Cynthia Thompson**

St Hillary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church—January 13, 2026

"They didn't know who they were." This is how Hilary summed up the problem with the Arian heretics of the fourth century. Hilary, on the other hand, knew very well who he was -- a child of a loving God who had inherited eternal life through belief in the Son of God. He hadn't been raised as a Christian but he had felt a wonder at the gift of life and a desire to find out the meaning of that gift. He first discarded the approach of many people who around him, who believed the purpose of life was only to satisfy desires. He knew he wasn't a beast grazing in a pasture. The philosophers agreed with him. Human beings should rise above desires and live a life of virtue, they said. But Hilary could see in his own heart that humans were meant for even more than living a good life. If he didn't lead a virtuous life, he would suffer from guilt and be unhappy. His soul seemed to cry out that wasn't enough to justify the enormous gift of life. So Hilary went looking for the gift giver. He was told many things about the divine -- many that we still hear today: that there were many Gods, that God didn't exist but all creation was the result of random acts of nature, that God existed but didn't really care for his creation, that God was in creatures or images. One look in his own soul told him these images of the divine were wrong. God had to be one because no creation could be as great as God. God had to be concerned with God's creation -- otherwise why create it?



Mardi Gras Feb 17, 2026 ("Fat Tuesday") is the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. In times of greater Lenten austerity in Catholic countries, Mardi Gras offered an opportunity for households to consume some foods they would not enjoy until Easter. In England, the day has been celebrated with pancakes (which use eggs, milk and sugar — items our ancestors would have foregone during Lent), while in some areas of Germany the Lenten discipline applied to strong drink as well, so the day before Ash Wednesday became a time for special revelry. Some have drawn a connection between Mardi Gras and ancient pagan festivals to welcome spring. This may certainly be true, but Catholic liturgists identify another link — namely, a time to extend celebrations of the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent. Whatever the case, certain cities around the world (Venice, Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans) have become identified with elaborate civic festivities leading up to Mardi Gras. These are usually known as "Carnival" ("Farewell to Meat"), a name that conveys the celebration's religious, pre-Lenten character, although the events themselves (as in Venice) may commemorate military victories. In most places, however, Mardi Gras simply justifies an elaborate — often excessive — party.



**LITURGY SCHEDULE
MONDAY, JAN 12 FIRST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026
2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, January 12, 2026
1st Week in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and
In-Person

Tuesday, January 13 2026
St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and
In-Person

Wednesday, January 14, 2025
7:30 am Adoration
Masses 8:00 AM
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, January 15, 2026
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
In-Person Only

Friday, January 16, 2026
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
In-Person Only

Saturday, January 17, 2026
St Anthony , Abbot
7:30 am Adoration
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Sunday, January 18, 2026
The Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts to Follow
Sponsored by
DONUT DONORS NEEDED

(Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
as Scheduled)

To Request a Mass Intention
(323) 293-4877

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*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word

Ways To Stay In Touch
Read the Bulletin
In Print or Online
Parish Website
stbernadettela.org

FLOCKNOTE

Call Us (323) 293-4877

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

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



Saint Bernadette Soubirous



It's Mater Dolorosa Menn's Retreat Time Again
Retreat Weekend – January 23–25, 2026

This Year's Theme?

“Faith, Trusting in God Who Waits for You!”

For More Information
Pls Contact Gilbert Wright (310)849 5710



One Body, One Spirit Prayer Service

It is with great joy we announce St Bernadette will be sponsoring the Prayer Service for the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) The WPCU has a history of over 100 years. Christians, throughout the world, annually take part in observing this week of prayer. This year's theme is “There is One Body and One Spirit.” All parishioner are invited to participate on Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 PM here at St Bernadette Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. **Please Join Us!**

Catholic Bible Study Suggestions:
Suggested Topics for Catholic Bible Study

The Armor of God (Ephesians 6): Explores the spiritual battle every believer faces, and practical ways to protect your faith through prayer and the Word of God.

Parables of Jesus: Delve into the profound truths hidden in the simple stories told by Jesus, such as the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and their relevance today.

The Names of God: Study the various names and titles of God throughout Scripture which reveal different aspects of His character and relationship with Humanity.

Scriptures and Sacraments: What scriptures point to the various Sacraments of the Church? What does that say about the Sacrament?