

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



The Fourth Sunday
of Easter
April 25/26, 2026

Mass Intentions for April 25/26, 2026

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Paula White (RIP)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 at 10:00 am

Myrtle Boutte (RIP)

Herron White (RIP)

Blaize Nwene (RIP) Paula White (RIP)

Weekend Priest Presider Schedules

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Mbata

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Fr. Mbata

Sunday April 26th, 2026

10:00 am Mass Fr. Mbata

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Msgr. Mac

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Msgr. Mac

Sunday May 3rd, 2026

10:00 am Mass Msgr. Mac

1 Peter 2:20b—25

***“If you suffer for doing good and endure it,
this is commendable before God.”***

This Bible passage teaches enduring suffering, as a result of doing good, following Christ’s example, leads to spiritual commendation and restoration under the care of the “Shepherd of Souls.” Enduring suffering is a universal human experience, often seen as a test of character, faith and perseverance.

In scripture, suffering is not merely a misfortune, but can serve a divine purpose, shaping spiritual maturity and fostering reliance on God. We know hardships are inevitable. However, they can be approached with hope, patience and trust in a higher power.

Enduring suffering involves steadfast Faith, Resilience and Hope, often transforming trials and tribulations into opportunities.



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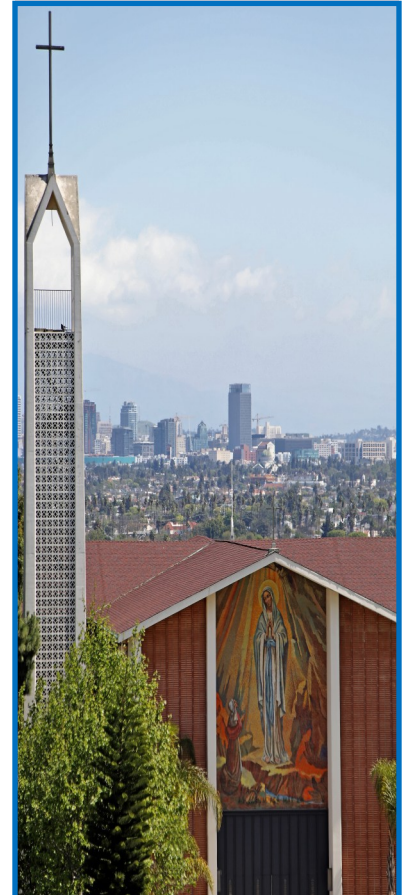
ST BERNADETTE
PARISH STAFF

DCN JIM CARPER, PLD
MSR LORETO GONZALES
FR MARCELLINUS MBATA
DCN EMILE ADAMS, RIP
DAVID CHRISTENSEN
EMANUEL HOLDER
CLARENCE DIXON
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MARINA AYALA
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THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE
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PACKAGED OR CANNED FOOD
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Gratefully Accepted



John 10:1-10 "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

John 10:1 presents Jesus as both the gate and the shepherd, emphasizing His unique role in guiding, protecting, and providing abundant life for His followers. In John 10:1-10, Jesus uses the imagery of a sheepfold to teach about His relationship with His followers. He contrasts the true shepherd, who enters through the gate, with thieves and robbers who attempt to enter through other nefarious means. Jesus declares: "I am the gate for the sheep (**John 10:7,9**). This metaphor highlights salvation and spiritual life can only come through Him. Those who enter through Jesus are promised safety sustenance and freedom. This is symbolized by coming in and going out, as well as finding pasture. In contrast, the thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy, representing false teachers/teachings (**John 10:10.**) **Jesus as the Gate:** Jesus declares he is the gate for the sheep.

Historical Context: The term "sheepfolds" refers to enclosures or pens used for the protection and gathering of sheep. In biblical times, these structures were essential for the safety and management of flocks, particularly during the night or in adverse weather conditions. Sheepfolds were typically constructed with stone walls or natural barriers and often had a single entrance guarded by a shepherd. John 10:1-10 is a crucial passage in the Gospel of John. It presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who offers protection and guidance to his followers. This passage is part of a larger conversation that Jesus had with the Pharisees, who were religious leaders in Israel at the time.



**Join us for
BIBLE STUDY
1st and 3rd
Thursday of the Month
Via ZOOM
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

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

**7:00 pm Study ID 811
5705 8134 Leaders
Dacosta Collymore
Clarence Dixon
Contact: Elsie Dixon**



**St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church,
April 29**

Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa (25 March 1347 – 29 April 1380), known as Catherine of Siena, was an Italian mystic, pious laywoman, and diplomat who engaged in papal and Italian politics through extensive letter-writing and advocacy. Canonized in 1461, she is revered as a saint and as a Doctor of the Church due to her extensive theological authorship. She is also considered to have influenced Italian literature. Catherine of Siena is one of the outstanding figures of medieval Catholicism due to the strong influence she had in the history of the papacy and her extensive authorship. She was behind the return of the Pope from Avignon to Rome, and then carried out many missions entrusted to her by the pope, rare for a woman in the Middle Ages. Her Dialogue, hundreds of letters, and dozens of prayers also give her a prominent place in the history of Italian literature. For many years she had accustomed herself to a rigorous abstinence. She received the Holy Eucharist almost daily. This extreme fasting appeared unhealthy in the eyes of the clergy and her own sisterhood. Her confessor, Raymond, ordered her to eat properly. However, Catherine replied that she was unable to, describing her inability to eat as an infermità (illness). From the beginning of 1380, Catherine could neither eat nor swallow water. On 26 February she lost the use of her legs. Catherine died in Rome on 29 April 1380, at the age of thirty-three, having suffered a massive stroke eight days earlier, which paralyzed her from the waist down. Her last words were, "Father, into Your Hands I commend my soul and my spirit".

Little Known Catholic Facts

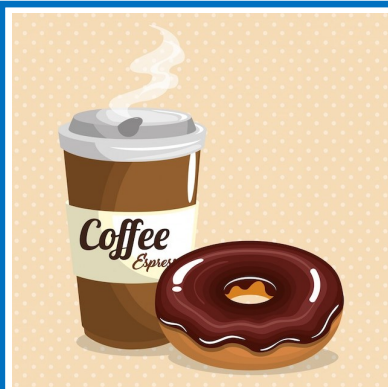
Did you know?
The words "Catholic Church"
(He katholike Ekklesia) is
found for the first time,
in the letter of St Ignatius,
written about the year 110 AD.
The Bible, as we know it today,
was compiled by the Church in
382 AD at the synod of Rome.
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"Catholic" means "universal"

The term comes from the Greek katholikos, meaning "toward the whole" or "general," used by early Christians to describe the universal Church trustingodsplan.com.

24 "sui iuris" Catholic Churches

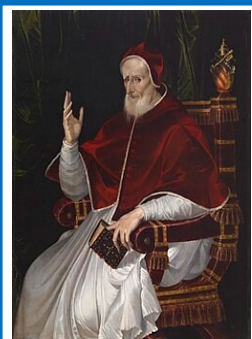
The Catholic communion includes 24 autonomous churches (23 Eastern Catholic Churches + the Latin Church) all in communion with the Pope, so attending Mass in an Eastern-rite church fulfills your Sunday obligation. trustingodsplan.com



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St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr—April 28

Born on July 12, 1803, in France and martyred on April 28, 1841, while spreading Christianity in the South Pacific. In 1831, Chanel joined the Society of Mary (Marists) which focused on Missionary work. He was initially assigned to teach at a seminary, but longed for the Mission field. In 1836 he was sent to the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) as part of a missionary group. After a challenging journey, he arrived on the island Futuna in November 1837 where he began his work to evangelize the local population. Chanel's efforts to convert the islanders were met with initial success, but they also incited jealousy and fear from the local Chief Niuliki. The chief feared losing his power and influence as more people embraced Christianity. On April 28, 1841, after his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the chief ordered Chanel's execution. He was clubbed to death by the chief's warriors.



St Pius V Pope January 1504 – 1 May 1572,

Born Antonio Ghislieri (and from 1518 called Michele Ghislieri), was head of the Catholic Church and ruler of the Papal States from 7 January 1566 to his death, in May 1572. He was an inquisitor and is venerated as a saint of the Catholic Church. He is chiefly notable for his role in the implementation of the Council of Trent, the Counter-Reformation, and the standardization of the Roman Rite within the Latin Church, known as the Tridentine mass. Pius V

declared Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church. As a cardinal, Ghislieri gained a reputation for putting orthodoxy before personalities, prosecuting eight French bishops for heresy. He also stood firm against nepotism, rebuking his predecessor Pope Pius IV to his face, when he wanted to make a 13-year-old member of his family a cardinal and subsidize a nephew from the papal treasury. Pius V died May 01, 1572, and was canonized May 22, 1712. He is remembered for his austere personal life, rigorous enforcement of church discipline and his pivotal role in the counter-reformation. He was canonized May 22, 1712.

Rest In Peace—Anderson (Andy) Shaw

St Bernadette Church and the African American Community of Los Angeles lost a good and valuable friend with the recent death of Anderson (Andy) Shaw. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm. The Celebrant was Archbishop Jose Gomez. The repast followed immediately in the SBCC Parish Hall. Our sympathies go out to his family and his lovely wife Audry. Please pray for the Shaw family during this difficult time.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026
TO MAY 03, 2026
THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Monday, April 27, 2026

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, April 28 2026

St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

St Louis Grignon de Monfort Priest

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

St Catherine of Siena,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Healing Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Thursday, April 30, 2026

St Pius V, Pope

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass

In-Person Only

Friday, May 01, 2026

St. Joseph the Worker

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass

In-Person Only

Saturday, May 02, 2026

St Athanasius, Bishop and Doc-
tor of the Church

Confessions at 3:00 PM

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 03, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass

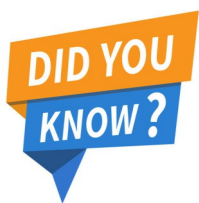
First Communion

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsors Needed

The Benefits of Believing in God? Believing in God is important as it provides purpose, moral guidance, community and a framework for understanding existence ultimately enriching one's life and fostering inner peace.

Purpose and Meaning. Belief in God often instills a profound sense of **purpose and meaning** in life. It encourages individuals to view their actions and decisions as part of a larger divine plane, transforming everyday activities into meaningful endeavors. This connection can help individuals navigate life's challenges with a sense of direction and hope, seeing setbacks as opportunities for growth rather than insurmountable obstacles. **Moral Guidance.** Faith in God often provides a **Moral Framework** which guides ethical decision making. Many religious teachings virtues such as honesty, compassion and justice providing believers with a clear sense of right and wrong. This moral compass helps individuals to navigate complex situations and fosters a more harmonious society. Believing in God often fosters a sense of **Community and Belonging.** Sharing beliefs with others creates a moral framework of support. This sense of belonging can deepen relationships and provide encouragement during difficult times. **Inner Peace and Resilience.** Faith can bring about inner peace and resilience, Serving as an anchor during turbulent times..



April 25-26|| The Archdiocese continues efforts to prevent sexual abuse and support survivors and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles affirms our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support survivor-victims in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The webpage and updated infographic at lacatholics.org/protect serve as comprehensive tools containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse.

If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse for help and support. lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month.



**The Senior Corner
"Gems in Our Hood"
Celebrating Juneteenth
June 25, 2026 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Lunch Included
Cost \$39.00 per person**



Be still and know
"Through His grace, we find our strength"

Spring BRUNCH

Mark your calendars for a blooming good time!

MAY 17TH 2026
11:30AM - 2:30PM

"All parishioners are welcome—come pause, breathe, and embrace rest in God's presence, reflection, and fellowship as we gather together in renewal."

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Special Guest Speaker - Eunice Thomas
\$50 per person / \$500 per table of 10

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Volunteer application form

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Personal details

Name _____
Address _____

Postcode _____
Tel no (day) _____ Tel no (evening) _____
Mobile no _____ E-mail _____
Any restrictions on daytime or e-mail contact? _____
Age (if under 18 years or over 85 years due to insurance purposes) _____

If applying for a specific volunteering vacancy, please state which role and location

Volunteer interest - please tick these areas of volunteering you are interested in

<input type="checkbox"/> Home visiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet/computer work	<input type="checkbox"/> Small animal care
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket collections	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog grooming
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping at events	<input type="checkbox"/> Charity shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog volunteering
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee work	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Campaigning	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking	
<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Cafetry work	

Availability - at what times are you available for volunteering?

<input type="checkbox"/> Flexible	<input type="checkbox"/> Daytime	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekends
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	

How often would you be able to offer the above availability?

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