



Pastor's Message

May 25, 2020

Last Wednesday, May 20th was the feast of St. Bernadine of Siena. He was born in Italy. As an adult he became a Franciscan friar. He lived from 1388-1444. Friar Bernadine was most famous for promoting devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

As you know, one of the Ten Commandments is “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.” There are a few different ways to sin against this commandment. However, the one which we need to avoid is probably the easiest to do. It is swearing. When we use God’s name unnecessarily in anger, the commandment is broken.

Respect the Holy Name of the Jesus! Be careful with the use of the sacred title of “God” whenever you speak.

Maybe someone you know has a habit of using either the Holy Name of Jesus or the sacred title of God in a highly inappropriate manner. Don’t follow their bad example. Actually, by that person doing so habitually, it indicates his/her shallowness and a clearly limited ability to speak as a mature human being.

And, if you happen to “slip-up” by breaking the aforementioned commandment, the best thing you can do with immediacy is offer a prayer in praise and honor of God and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Keep it simple. But, give honor to the One who deserves, all the honor we can give.

Finally, remember, “If you can’t be interesting without profanity, then let’s face it, you are not interesting.” Michael Hyatt.

Peace,
Fr. Marc