

St. Bernard Catholic Church

(Established in 1787)

DAILY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
Mass 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Adoration Chapel:
Any Time

2805 Bayou Road
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St. Bernard, LA 70085



MISSION STATEMENT

In the total love for Jesus through the Heart of Mary,
We St. Bernard Catholic Church commit to

BE BOLD—BE CATHOLIC—BE CHRIST

And faithfully pass it on...Heart to Heart. I.M.

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Baptism: Parents are asked to call the office. Baptisms will be held the 3rd weekend of the month or by special arrangement.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are held before each Mass, or call for an appointment.

Communion of the Sick: Please call when someone is ill or in the hospital.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples must contact the church at least six (6) months before the date of the wedding.

Christian Burial: Please contact the funeral home to make arrangements they will contact church and cemetery.

Pastoral & Finance Meeting - Pastoral Council meetings will be announced.



Saturday December 12, 2020

Rosary 8:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. Bernard Catholic Church; Bernard & Chase Naquin; Duke Collins; Donald Serpas, Sr.; William Ybarzabal; Pat Cassagne; Tim George;

Timothy George; Sal Gagliano; Mary Gagliano Jack, Mazie & Jake LaFond; Karen Smith; Donna Gonzales; Scotty Lopez; Beth Byrd Ruiz; Richie Byrd; Charles; Cornelia & Lori Robertson; Donald & Jeanette Evans; Velma Bourg Fr John; Louis & Lucille Freire; Perry & Deann Freire Boudreaux; Adam & Evelyn Gonzales; and all on our Sick List especially Dwight Merkl

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Rosary 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Charles L. Smith; Gauthé Family; Agnes & Wallace Serpas; Jerry Wheat; HJ & Harold Lind; Josephine & Reese Nunez; Mike, Rosie & André Colletti; Dickie Stander; Merle King; Louise M. Alphonso; Heuitt & Alice Howard; Walter & Betty Melerine; Glen & Esther Menesses; Larry Gonzales, Jr.; Raymond Serpas; Frances Evans; Adam Serigne; Walter Guidry; Kathleen Terrebonne; Chester Romero; The Romero Family; Joyce Frichter; Rudy Alphonso; Martin & Cecile Alfonso; Jerry, Vernon & Nathan Alfonso; Alfred Nunez, Sr. & Family; Jason Steele; Myra & Lisa Montelongo; Marlene Campo; Lindy LeBouef; Albert & Lorenza Acosta; Norbert Billiot, Sr.; Lazarus "Satch" Gonzales; and all Military Personnel & Families

DAILY—Rosary 8 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m.:

Monday	For Our Youth
Tuesday	All Sick & Dying
Wednesday	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	All Parishioners
Friday	Deceased Priests

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27

Ministry Schedule

For Next Week:

Saturday, December 19, 4:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Lacye

Ministers of Communion:

Not at this time



Sunday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Pat

Ministers of Communion:

Not at this time

Sanctuary Lamp
Beth Byrd Ruiz



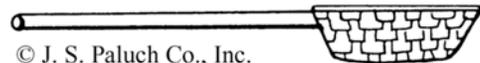
Marian Candle
Pat Cassagne



St. Joseph Candle
Norbert Billiot, Sr.



Christian Giving



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December 5—6, 2020

Attendance: 54

Collection: \$1,177.00

Thank you for your support

DINNER

December 18, 2020

5:00 — 8:00

We are starting back with our dinners to help bring in extra funds for the Church. As everyone is aware we do not bring in enough funds from the pews to pay our assessment to the Archdiocese. We have some money in savings, but once that is spent there is nothing else to draw from expect parishioners in the pew and fundraisers.

We were unable to have the Pumpkin Patch this year due to the COVID restrictions. We have gotten many calls and everyone understands and will be waiting for next year. In the meantime, we still need to raise money.

The dinners will be very important between now and next Lent along with a few raffles. We hope that you can be supportive in either offering to help to prepare a dish, help with serving, and especially help by buying dinners for your family.

If you can help please see Lenore Assevado and let her know.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE ON THE 18TH

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40 HOURS DEVOTION

The 40 Hours Devotion allows a Catholic Parish or Community to express their love for the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist, to remind ourselves that He is always present in our Church, to express our gratitude for the gift of salvation, and to ask Him to continue to bless us. We are offering these 40 hours for renewal in the spiritual life of the Catholic Church, in reparation for sins against the Blessed Sacrament, and for the spread of the Gospel. The Lord is inviting us, “Could you not watch one hour with me?”

When: December 17-19, 2020

**Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
2621 Colonial Blvd.**

Violet, LA 70092

How to Sign Up

Call: (504) 682-7070

olol-church.com/40-hours-devotion.html

Saint John of the Cross

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John’s spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his *Ascent to Mt. Carmel*, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly “of the Cross.” He died at 49—a life short, but full.

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH—PHASE 3

We are in Phase 3 and we have opened the church to all who feel safe and/or want to come. We can now have 75% occupancy. With that there are a few things to keep in mind:

You will be coming to a small area with a large number of people and the social distancing might not be maintained.

You will be coming to a small area where people may or may not be wearing masks. We will leave that up to each individual. Remember that wearing a mask does not protect you, but keeps your germs to yourself. Also by wearing the mask for a period of time you are breathing in much CO₂ which can cause some to pass out or have other issues.

You will be coming to this small church that we all love and care about to receive our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and this may take some strong faith that you will stay safe in doing so. If anyone is not comfortable attending there is no judgment it is understood.

We ask that if you feel bad in anyway the day before and/or the day of Mass please stay home. If you have any of the underlying conditions that will make getting sick with the virus or anything else harder on you, please stay home. Probably the majority of St. Bernard's parishioners fall into the category of being over 65 and we know some have other health issues and some do not. This is a time to use your faith to pray and listen to the Lord to make your decision along with medical advice hopefully from your physician.

If you do not want to be in church with a lot of people but still want to physically attend a mass, please remember we are having daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and rarely is there more than 4 people. We hope in the near future we can continue with the home visits to our shut-ins when all parties are comfortable.

Continue to do your best to socially distance from others, but remember it is not a guarantee it can happen in the church. Please keep this in mind when you come up to receive the Eucharist and try to give a little space. Upon receiving the Eucharist you will not hear Fr Hoang say the Body of Christ he will just make a small sign of cross with the host and place in your hand.

There will be no passing of the collection basket. Please drop your donation in the basket by the bulletins. For the sign of peace, please just wave or nod to others.

My Soul rejoices in my God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presipio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presipio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presipio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presipio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at new year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presipios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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Phase 3—Continuing

ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

ADORATION CHAPELS

The Deanery Adoration Chapel located at OLPS invites you to come spend a little time with the Lord in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a few minutes or consider becoming a **“committed adorer”** for a particular hour. OLPS 8 am to 8 pm Monday-Friday. If anyone would like to be on the committee at OLPS please contact them. OLPS is need of adorers if you can commit please call them. Our Lady of Lourdes has Adoration on the first Wednesday of the month. St. Bernard has Adoration on Thursday. Please consider spending an hour with the Lord.

The one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

Many children have a visit from “Santa” at a family gathering just before Christmas. Typically, Santa sounds like and resembles one of the male elders of the family [who tries unsuccessfully to change his voice]. Small children are either excited or frightened. As they grow older, they get suspicious and start to ask questions, “Why is Pappa never here when Santa comes?” and “Why is Santa wearing Pappa’s glasses and watch?” It is a rite of passage when they finally “get it” and become responsible for keeping a treasured family secret. For the Jews in Jerusalem who sent priest and Levites to ask John *who* and *what* he was, the implications were much more serious than the identity of Santa. If John was the Messiah, or was proclaiming the imminent arrival of the Messiah, the influence and livelihoods of the priest and Levites could be at risk. They were concerned that God *had* become incarnate. Do we understand the implications of God incarnate? That is what we are preparing to celebrate on Christmas. Are we ready for that?

Please Pray for Our Sick

Manuel Alfonso; Debbie Gonzales; Charles Duhe; Aiden Smith; Madeline Colletti Cimino; Gene Perez; Patricia Fincher; Donald Campo; Edna O’Rourke; Bernard Naquin, Jr.; Dorothy Easley; Devin Dimadigo; Kylie Gritter; David Naquin; Sheri Fernandez; Christina Landry; Brett Gagliano; Brendan Graf; Emile Evans; Landon Ansardi; Kayla Vogelaar; Mindy Casanova Dardar; Wilmoy & Florine Shows; Brett Bergeron; Allen Nunez; Eleanore Erato; David Casanova; Danny Morales; Riley Richards; Hyacinth Serpas; Jerrilee Odinet; Karley Draper; Hailey Martin; Lorraine Daroca; Barbara Simpson; Michael George; Joy Fernandez; Marianne Marks; Kimberly Mones; Avery Cantrelle; Rita Bauer; Sandy Thurman; Talor Gutierrez; Erica Stewart; Maggie Serigne; Valerie Wheat; Hunter Hoffmann; Christina Gardner; AJ Arnone; Evis; Michelle Matthews; Fr. Charley; Don Clark; Thelma Lee; Janey Yates; Connie St. Pierre; Tino Mones; Patrick Campo, Sr.; Michael Fernandez; SE Kreiger; Pasqual Alfonso; Henry Dietrich; Sidney Evans, Jr.; Hope Serigne; Mr. & Mrs. Caesar; Mary Barker; Bob Couch; Linda Gagliano; Rhonda Riley; Lisa and Samantha; Paul Remick; Justin Serpas; Rene Poche; Lisa Montelongo; Bobbie Schmitt; Barbara Robin; Becky Couture Riker; Linda Melerine; Stephen Lobre; Barney Koons; Romona Lucas; Paul Serigne; Taylor Tycker; Dan Assevado; Wendy Walls; Kaleah Kate Ma; Robert Oalman; Noah Campo; Arley Jaramillo; Robert Burns; Peter Peterson; Anna Morales; Elsie Smith; Philip Deogracias; Beverly Bachemin; NS; Ryan Peltier; Lonny Becnel; Kerry Robertson; Jimmy & Dolly Brien; Margie Palmeri; Misty Morales; Katie Caluda Sanpart; Carol Morales; Michele Morales; Kim Juminias; Charlotte Luna; Elba Quiles; Branden David; Ralph Ziegler; Sylvia Guillot; Ryan Guerra; Hillary Miller; Phillip Acosta; Sherrie & John Graf; Linda Barrett; Stanley Alfonso; Steve Navarre; Marie George; Frances Edwards; Michael Pizzuto; Alfred Pizzuto; Alexis Binschul; Jeff Meche; Jordan Serigne; Ms Birdie; Arnold & Earline Serigne; Carolyn Serpas; Dwight Merkl; Ella Butler; Barbara Perez; Joann Billiot, Victoria Sanders, Pat Gould, Cynthia Arnold

Call the office to add or remove someone from list.



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