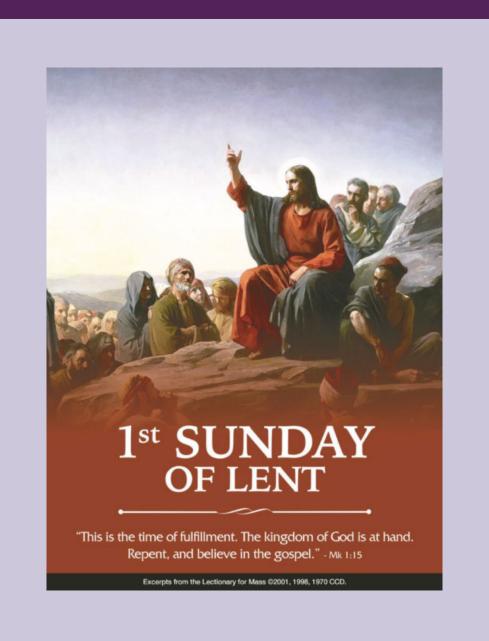
St. Bernadette

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH HOME OF ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Liturgy

Weekend

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 5:00 PM

Weekday

Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM Monday - Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil: 5:00 PM Holy Day: 6:30 & 8:30 AM, 5:00PM

Adoration Chapel

Open during Parish Office hours and 24 hour access with key card.

Healing Rosary

Friday: 6:30 PM

Reconciliation

Monday-Saturday:	8:00 - 8:25 AM
Saturday:	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Or by appointment	480-905-0221

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office 480-905-0221

Baptism

Preparation classes required. Please contact the Parish Office for information about the preparation process.

Marriage

Nine months notification and preparation classes required. Call Parish Office for additional information.

Parish Office Hours

 Monday - Thursday:
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

 Friday:
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

 Saturday & Sunday:
 Closed

St. Bernadette Parish Mission Statement



We exist as a Eucharistic community to celebrate, proclaim, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament for the Glory of God.

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Don Kline, V.F.
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PASTOR'S NOTES-PG. 1 OF 2

First Sunday of Lent (Part I of II)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is being tempted by Satan. Jesus will not be distracted by the devil's efforts as Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Good News: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As disciples of Our Lord, we know that God, through Christ, has defeated

Satan. Even though the devil remains active in our world today, we know a day will come when all evil will be destroyed forever and rule of Satan will be replaced by the Kingdom of God.

Understanding that the battle between good and evil is real, Lent is the perfect time to examine how we are fighting the enemy who is looking for souls to devour as St. Peter reminds us. What spiritual weapons do you have to help you? What resources do you look to for strength? How are you strengthening your resolve to be a faithful disciple of Christ? Do you spend time in adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Do you look to Our Lord truly present at every Holy Mass? The Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion are the most powerful Sacraments that are given to us by Our Lord to strengthen us in the battle between good and evil.

One of the favorite targets for the devil and his demons is the family. Destroying families is one of the enemy's greatest works and he is quite effective. He can be very subtle. The devil wants you to hold on to past family fights. He wants you to become bitter towards those who have hurt you. Lent is the perfect time to ask yourself if there are hurts in your family. Are there angry emotions that have been festering for years that continually complicate family meetings and communications?

Perhaps this Lent would be a good time to ask Our Lord to deal with the hurt by asking Our Lord to help you to understand the issues and then to heal you and your family. Lent is the perfect time to speak to the people who are wounded in your family and encourage them to find a path to forgiveness. If you and your family can take even one step towards forgiveness, it will be a greater blow against Satan's power than if you had decided for Lent to give up chocolate.

Consider Lenten practices that attack the very structures of Satan's power. Because it is by such choices that we can bring Satan's rule a day closer to its final destruction. Here are some suggestions from Fr. Ed Broom, OMV on how to make the most out of Lent:

1. Contemplate the Cross—Jesus Crucified

One form of prayer, highly recommended by Saint Ignatius of Loyola in the Spiritual Exercises, is that of Contemplation. Therefore, during Lent, it's good to spend at least some time in front of an image, painting, depiction of Jesus hanging on the cross for love of you and me. Call to mind the words of Saint Ignatius: Jesus died for all of humanity. However, He also died for you. If you were the only person in the world, Jesus would have suffered the most bitter and agonizing pains of His Passion and death for love of you and the salvation of your immortal soul. How precious you are in the eyes of God and of how valuable your immortal soul!

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2. The Way of the Cross

Another salutary and efficacious prayer-devotion, especially propitious in the Season of Lent, is making the Way of the Cross. Within your local parish, there is most likely a Way of the Cross in the Church itself. Just move slowly, prayerfully, and with contemplative eyes from each one of the 14 stations to the next. This practice can be done in many ways:

- 1. In a group setting guided by a leader; (like our parish Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00PM)
- 2. Individually using a helpful booklet. One of the best was written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori;
- 3. Simply gaze and contemplate with love and devotion every station and formulate your own spontaneous prayer.

It's not at all a bad idea to bring your little ones and teach them to love Jesus who loved us so much that He underwent and endured all these sufferings for love of us.

3. The Seven Sorrows of Mary

In all times and places the meditation and contemplation of the Seven Sorrows of Mary can move our hearts to love Jesus with greater fervor and devotion. If you are not familiar with this practice, these are the seven sorrows of Mary:

- 1. Prophecy of Simeon,
- 2. Flight into Egypt,
- 3. Loss of Jesus for three days in the Temple,
- 4. Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way to Calvary,
- 5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus,
- 6. Jesus' Body taken from the cross and laid in the arms of Mary (La Pieta),
- 7. Burial of Jesus.

4. The Seven Last Words of Jesus From the Cross

Another powerful meditation would be that of meditating upon the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen both wrote and preached numerous times on these words, especially during Holy Week.

These seven last words are the following:

- 1. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing."
- 2. "I thirst!"
- 3. "Woman behold thy son; son behold thy Mother."
- 4. "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- 5. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me."
- 6. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
- 7. "It is finished."

To be continued...

God Bless,

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Fr. Don Kline, V.F., Pastor

GOSPEL REFLECTION



What is the significance of Jesus spending 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting in the Judean wilderness? In the Old Testament 40 days was often seen as a significant period of preparation for entering into a covenant relationship with God.

Forty days of retreat to seek the face of God

When God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt he brought them into the wilderness of Sinai. Moses went to the mountain of the Lord at Sinai and remained there in prayer and fasting for 40 days (Exodus 24:18). At the conclusion of this 40 day encounter God made a covenant with Moses and the people. After the prophet Elijah had confronted the sin of idolatry (the worship of false gods) in the land of Israel and

destroyed the 400 priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40), he fled into the wilderness and journeyed for 40 days to the mountain of God at Sinai (1 Kings 19:8). There God spoke with Elijah and commissioned him to pass on the work of restoring the worship of the one true God in the land. After Jesus was anointed by the Spirit in the waters of the Jordan River, he journeyed to the wilderness of Judea for 40 days to prepare himself for the mission which the Father sent him to accomplish - to offer up his life as the perfect atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross he won for us a new and everlasting covenant which fulfilled and surpassed all the previous covenants which God had made with his people.

God's Word and Spirit sustains those who seek God's will

Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Why was Jesus compelled to seek solitude for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his ministry? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word *tempt* in English usually means to entice to sin or wrong-doing. The scriptural word here also means *test* in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if there are ready for the task at hand. We test pilots to see that they are fit to fly. Likewise God tests his servants to see if they are fit to be used by him.

God tested Abraham to prove his faith. The Israelites were sorely tested in Egypt before God delivered them from their enemies. Jesus was no exception to this testing. Satan, in turn, did his best to entice Jesus to chose his own will over the will of his Father in heaven. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's subtle and not so subtle temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will. Satan will surely tempt us and will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us.

As soon as John the Baptist had finished his ministry, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the Gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that the time of restoration proclaimed by the prophets was now being fulfilled in his very person and that the kingdom of God was at hand. What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. God sent us his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by justice, truth, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission.

Two conditions for the kingdom - repent and believe

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news of the Gospel Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: *repent and believe*. Repent means to turn away from sin and wrong-doing in order to follow God's way of love, truth, and moral goodness. When we submit to God's rule in our lives and believe in the Gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by pride, sin, and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). Repentance is the first step to surrendering my will and my life to God.

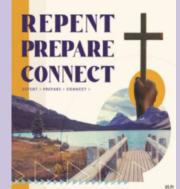
Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, my disposition, and the way I choose to live my life - so that the Lord Jesus can be the Master and Ruler of my heart, mind, and will. Whatever stands in the way of God's will and plan for my life must be surrendered to him - my sinful pride, my rebellious attitude, and stubborn will to do as I please rather than as God pleases. If I am only sorry for the consequences of my own sinful ways, I will very likely keep repeating the same sins that control my thoughts and actions. True repentance requires a contrite heart and true sorrow for sin (Psalm 51:17) and a firm resolution to avoid the near occasion of sin. The Lord Jesus gives us the grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love, truth, and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what he says is right and good for us. His grace brings pardon and freedom from guilt, and breaks the power of bondage to sin in our lives through the strength and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. If we yield to the Holy Spirit and not to our sinful inclinations, we will find the strength and help we need to turn away from all wrong-doing and whatever else might keep us from living in his truth and love.

Lord Jesus, your word is life, joy, wisdom, and strength for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to your will for me. dailyscripture.net

LENT

PREPARING THE WAY

WITH PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING



<u>Prayer</u>

Join us every Friday in Lent for the Healing Rosary at 6:30 PM and the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in the Church.

Fasting

Lenten Fish Frys every Friday in Lent from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

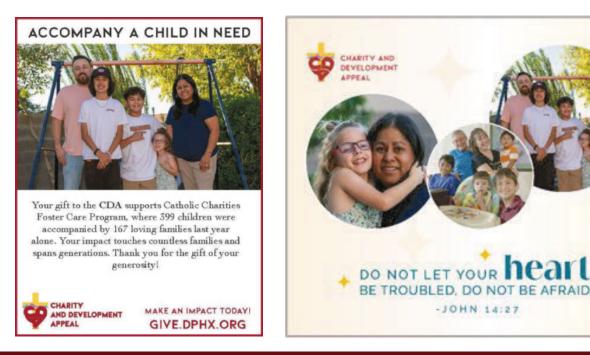
Almsgiving

Charity begins at home, where we make the choice daily to give our time, our attention, our affirming smile, and give generously. Because for Catholics "home" is universal, and our family is as big as the world, please consider gifts to the CDA, Catholic Relief Service, and other worthy efforts.

"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth" -Psalm 25



These words from the Psalmist tell us about the heart of God. He is a loving Father who guides His children along the way of truth. Through your support of the **Charity and Development Appeal (CDA)**, you help thousands of individuals and families in the Diocese of Phoenix experience the love of Christ and the truth that they are seen, valued, and accompanied on their journey. Join this incredible mission and make your online gift today at **www.give.dphx.org**



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PARISH NEWS

Join Us Fridays in Lent



Healing Rosary—6:30 PM Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM In the Church



Lenten Fish Fry Served from 4:30 to 6:30 PM In the Parish Hall

The menu includes: fried or baked fish, shrimp, fries, coleslaw, and macaroni and cheese for kids. Fish plates start at \$12 and mac and cheese kid's meals for \$5.



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PRESIDENT'S DAY IS FEBRUARY 19TH

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.



CULTURE **OF LIFE** MINISTRY

Arizona March for Life

The 2024 Arizona March for Life is Friday. March 1. starting with a rally at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza at 11:00 am. The march begins at noon. Nun Run

The Nun Run is back! The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration are hosting their 15th Annual Nun Run on Saturday, March 2 at Kiwanis Park in Tempe. The Culture of Life ministry welcomes you to join our team, called the "St. Bernadette Pilgrims." The signup link is https:// desertnunrun.com/

CarePortal News

Congratulations to the St. Bernadette community for being the #1 CarePortal responder church in the state, serving 152 families and over 398 children! Thank you to all who have helped us make the CarePortal Initiative successful in assisting the vulnerable children in our community.

Financial contributions are desperately needed to purchase items such as clothes, diapers, wipes, baby bottles, and other items. Donations of gently used furniture and household items are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Sarotte at sarottekelly@gmail.com/

Please visit our parish website at https:// www.saintbernadette.com/ministry-culturelife

- Click on the CarePortal link near the bottom of the page
- This will take you to the CarePortal site and St. Bernadette's CarePortal Fund
- Once there, click on "Give to our CarePortal Fund" tab to securely donate



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sunday February 25th in the Parish Hall



Scan the QR Code or sign up for an appointment after Masses this weekend. For more information call Dennis Logue (603)667-3957

READINGS AND INTENTIONS

Readings Week
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: ls 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15-19/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10

Mass	Intentions

Saturday, February 17	5:00 PM	ជិ John Rizzo	
Sunday, February 18	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Beth Cullison Susan Mohr St. Bernadette Parishioners	
Monday, February 19	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	The Hayward Family む Jean Kovarik	
Tuesday, February 20	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	Hunter Shelton Dante Arvizu	
Wednesday, February 21	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	The LaGioia Family 한 Carlos Ayala	
Thursday, February 22	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	Fr. Kline ⊉ George Shatto	
Friday, February 23	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	⑦ Robert and Helen Wertsching ⑦ Luciano and Sicilian Families	
Saturday, February 24	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	ኇ Solomon Vidamo ኇ Patrick Kohn	
Sunday, February 25	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Diane Flitcroft Munson Family St. Bernadette Parishioners	

Acting in God's name, in the Rite of Election "the Church makes its 'election,' that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part...in the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil" (no. 119).

Lent is a special time for those in the OCIA/RCIA program and for us as we journey in prayer with them to the font of Baptism and full initiation into the Church.

The final phase of the OCIA/RCIA process for the unbaptized is called the Purification and Enlightenment period. It begins on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, when the catechumens participate in the Rite of Sending, a moment in time when we affirm their journey and readiness and they are presented to the Bishop to signify that they have been <u>chosen</u> to join the Catholic Church. In the presence of our community, the catechumens and their godparents will answer questions and will inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of their fidelity.

That same day, our Parish Book of the Elect will be presented to Bishop Dolan who will formally receive the catechumens in the Rite of Election, saying, "I now declare you to be members of the **elect**, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil." Now the catechumens are called "the elect' or "the illuminandi" ("those who will be enlightened").

The same day, those participants that were baptized in another Christian faith tradition, will also go to the Bishop with the unbaptized to participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion.

In addition to the Rite of Sending that will take place on the first Sunday in Lent, the Elect will participate in three Scrutinies celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. These rites will be celebrated at the 10:00 AM liturgies where the presider and the community pray that all that is holy in the Elect will increase and all that is sinful will be weakened.

Join us in praying for our fourteen catechumens/elect and seven baptized candidates supporting them in their journey into the Catholic Faith.

This Week at St. Bernadette

Mass Monday through Friday mornings at 6:30 and 8:30 AM Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM

> Daily Confessions Before daily mass 8:00 - 8:25 AM Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM



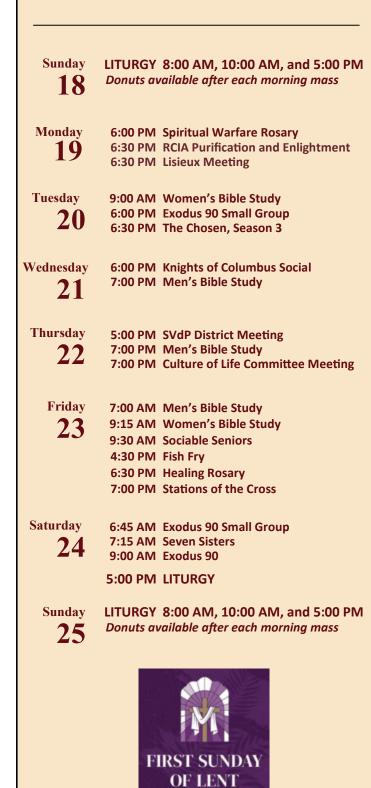
Friday Night Healing Rosary every Friday in the Church & on Zoom at 6:30 PM

Please use meeting ID 674 186 578; password Rosary and the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/674186578? pwd=dkJFVVowMTJ5R0tQYUpNc1Q2aThIZz09

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Women's Bible Study (Info only)	Parish Office	480-905-0221
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Friday Night Healing Rosary	Mike Smalley	480-905-0221
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& New Moms		
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Knights of Columbus	Jeff Pinto	480-299-9053
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