



May 17th, 2026

Watch over me, Father, so
that everything I do may
be with the intention of
pleasing Jesus.
~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD ~ SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

The Redeeming Sacrifice

For forty days more Jesus was upon earth, in repeated though not continuous contact with His followers. He comes and goes with an independence of the restricting power of space, which is not now miracle but part of the consequence of the glorification of His body. He comes to the Apostles through a closed door, He vanishes from their sight. In all His contact with them He is continuing and completing their preparation for the work they must do once He has left the earth. Thus He gives them power to forgive sins or withhold forgiveness (Jn. 20:22-23); He opens their understanding that they

may understand the Scriptures (Lk. 24:45); He gives them the commission to carry His doctrine and His sacraments to all nations till the end of time (Mt. 28:19-20). But none of this activity is to begin until the Holy Spirit has come upon them; and the Holy Spirit will not come until Christ our Lord has gone to His Father—"for if I go not," He had told them at the Last Supper, "the Paraclete will not come to you: but if I go I will send him to you." At the end of forty days, He left this earth.

He gave them one more reminder that they should receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon them. "And when he had said these things, while they looked on, He was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight"—so St. Luke tells us in the first chapter of the Acts. St. Mark's account is as brief: "And the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God."

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Questions:
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Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 7th
12:30pm-3:30pm
St Bernadette Parish Lawn

Bring a side dish to share! Parish will provide burgers and drinks

Horseshoe Tournament & Lawn Games
Horseshoe sign ups on the bulletin board



“Knowing God” : Reflection for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus has been taken up into heaven as we begin today’s First Reading. His disciples—including the Apostles and Mary—return to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper (see Luke 22:12).

There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them (see Acts 1:8).

The unity of the early Church at Jerusalem is a sign of the oneness that Christ prays for in today’s Gospel. The Church is to be a communion on earth that mirrors the glorious union of Father, Son, and Spirit in the Trinity.

Jesus has proclaimed God’s name to His brethren (see Hebrews 2:12; Psalm 22:23). The prophets had foretold this revelation: a new covenant by which all flesh would have knowledge of the Lord (see Jeremiah 31:33–34; Habakkuk 2:14).

By the new covenant made in His blood and remembered in every Eucharist we know God as our Father. This is the eternal life Jesus promises. And this is the light and salvation we sing of in today’s Psalm.

As God made light to shine out of darkness when the world began, He has enlightened us in Baptism, making us new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), giving us knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (see Hebrews 10:32; 2 Corinthians 4:6).

Our new life is a gift of “the Spirit of glory,” we hear in today’s Epistle (see John 7:38–39). Made one in His name, we are given a new name—“Christians”—a name used only here and in two other places in the Bible (see Acts 11:16; 26:28). We are to glorify God, though we will be insulted and suffer because of this name.

But as we share in His sufferings, we know we will overcome (see Revelation 3:12) and rejoice when His glory is once more revealed. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions

4pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass

9:00am – Holy Mass

11:00am – Holy Mass

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WEEKDAYS

9AM-12PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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Our Mailing Address is:

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

5:30pm Mass *Donna DeMotte*

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

8:00am Mass *Charlotte Hart*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Marilyn Pitner*

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

8:00am Mass *Brian Hart*

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

7:30 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*



Volunteer opportunities with Catholic Charities

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me.” (Mt 25:40)

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Women of St Bernadette

In an effort to cultivate more community at St Bernadette, the women of the parish have formed the group: the “Women of St Bernadette”.

All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- Contributing to food prep for after mass socials during the warm months
 - Organizing parish picnics + potlucks
- Organizing + providing food for catechesis nights for children and adults
 - Formation of Bible studies + small groups
 - Corporal works of mercy for the sick and elderly
 - Other misc. needs of the parish

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email st.bernadette.women@gmail.com

Lawn and Garden Volunteers

If you are interested in helping with the care of our parish grounds please contact Taylor in the office. Lots of opportunities for different levels of skill and activity.

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Notice that the Resurrection was not simply a convenient way for Our Lord to return to His Apostles and give them final instructions, nor His Ascension simply a convenient way of letting them know definitely and beyond question or peradventure that He had left this world. Resurrection and Ascension belong organically to the Sacrifice He offered for us. The Sacrifice, insofar as it is the offering to God of a victim slain, was complete upon Calvary. But in the total conception of sacrifice, it is not sufficient—as Cain found long before—that a victim be offered to God; it is essential that the offering be accepted by God: and given that the nature of man requires that sacrifice be an action externally visible, it belongs to the perfection of sacrifice that God's acceptance should be as externally visible as humanity's offering. It is in this sense that Resurrection and Ascension belong organically to the Sacrifice. By the miracle of the Resurrection, God at once shows His acceptance of the Priest as a true priest of a true sacrifice and perfects the Victim offered to Him, so that whereas it was offered mortal and corruptible, it has gained immortality and incorruptibility. By the Ascension, God accepts the offered Victim by actually taking it to Himself. Humanity, offered to God in Christ the Victim, is now forever at the right hand of the Father.

Commentary from *Theology and Sanity* by Frank Sheed (1897-1981)

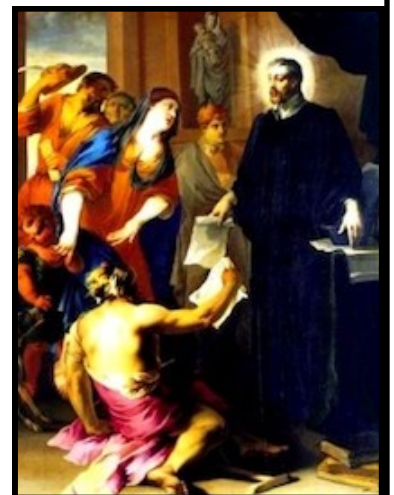
St. Yves, Priest and Lawyer May 19th

Born around 1253 at Kermartin in Brittany, St. Yves (Ivo) Helory was sent to Paris by his landowning father to receive a higher education, and at the end of ten years he had gained distinction in Philosophy, Theology, and Canon Law, as well as Civil Law. On his return to Brittany he was appointed a diocesan judge, first to the Bishop of Rennes and later to the Bishop of Treguier. In this capacity, he carried out his duties with equity, incorruptibility, and concern for the poor and lowly.

Yve's fame quickly spread and he became known as "the poor man's advocate." He pleaded for the poor in other courts, going so far as pay their expenses and even visiting them in prison; his constant concern was to obtain justice for all. accordingly, he constantly tried to reconcile quarreling parties and have them arrive at an amicable agreement without incurring the cost of unnecessary lawsuits.

In 1284, Yves became a priest and from 1287 on devoted himself to parish work. But he made his legal knowledge ever available to any of his parishioners who needed it. He lived frugally and unassumingly, instructed the people in both spiritual and temporal matters, and preached the Word of God with power. On May 19, 1303, this "attorney who was a holy man" appeared before the Ultimate Judge to receive his reward. He was canonized in 1347 by Pope Clement VI.

PRAYER: God, You taught Your Church to observe all the heavenly commandments in the love of God. Help us to practice works of charity in imitation of Your Priest, St. Yves, and merit to be numbered among the blessed in Your Kingdom. **Amen.**





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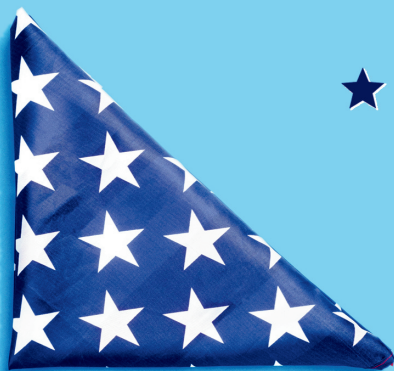


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