



May 31st, 2026

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

# SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

## TRINITY SUNDAY

The Revelation of the Most Holy Trinity the very essence of the Christian faith consists in the knowledge and adoration of one God in three Persons. This is the mystery whence all others flow. Our faith centers in this as in the master-truth of all it knows in this life, and as the infinite object whose vision is to form our eternal happiness; and yet, we know it only because it has pleased God to reveal Himself thus to our lowly intelligence, which, after all, can never fathom the infinite perfections of that God, who necessarily inhabits light inaccessible. Human reason may, of itself, come to the knowledge of the existence of God as Creator of all beings; it may, by its own innate power, form to itself an idea of His perfections by the study of His works; but the knowledge of God's intimate Being can come to us only by means of His own gracious revelation.

It was God's good pleasure to make known to us His essence, in order to bring us into closer union with Himself, and to prepare us, in some way, for that face-to-face vision of Himself which He intends to give us in eternity. But His revelation is gradual: He takes mankind from brightness unto brightness, fitting it for the full knowledge and adoration of Unity in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity. During the period preceding the Incarnation of the eternal Word, God seemed intent on inculcating the idea of His Unity, for polytheism was the infectious error of mankind; and every notion of there being a spiritual and sole cause of all things would have been effaced from the earth, had not the infinite goodness of God watched over its preservation.

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## “How God Loves” : Reflection on Trinity Sunday

We often begin Mass with the prayer from today’s Epistle: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons.

Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God’s self-revelation in today’s First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name.

Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf (see Exodus 32). But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant.

God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations (see Exodus 4:22). Through Israel— heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations (see Genesis 22:18).

The memory of God’s covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham’s faithful obedience—lies behind today’s Gospel.

In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 16), God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world.

As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all (see Romans 8:32).

In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin and takes us back as His very own people (see Deuteronomy 4:20; 9:29).

Jesus humbled Himself to die in obedience to God’s will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead (see Romans 8:11), and gave Him a name above every name (see Philippians 2:8–10).

This is the name we glorify in today’s Responsorial: the name of our Lord, the God who is Love (see 1 John 4, 8, 16).

*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

## 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.

St. Bernadette can be found online at [sfxspokane.org](http://sfxspokane.org) or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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**Office Hours.**

WEEKDAYS

9AM-12PM

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

### MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

5:30pm Mass *Jim Collin*

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

8:00am Mass *William Kilgore (Repose of his soul)*

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Prekker family (Success & Spiritual growth)*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH

8:00am Mass *For lost Friends and Family to return to the church.*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

5:30pm First Friday Mass

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

7:30 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am Latin High Mass *Pro Populo*

12:30pm **Parish Picnic**



## Seven Sisters

### Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the “Seven Sisters Apostolate.” This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509) 362-8646



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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](mailto:st.bernadette.women@gmail.com)

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Not that the Old Testament books were altogether silent on the three divine Persons, whose ineffable relations are eternal; only, the mysterious passages which spoke of them were not understood by the people at large; whereas, in the Christian Church, a child of seven will answer those who ask him, that in God, the three divine Persons have but one and the same Nature, but one and the same Divinity. When the Book of Genesis tells us that God spoke in the plural, and said: “Let Us make man to Our image and likeness,” the ancient Jew bowed down and believed, but understood not the sacred text; the Christian, on the contrary, who has been enlightened by the complete revelation of God, sees, under this expression, the three Persons acting together in the formation of man; the light of faith develops the great truth to him, and tells him that, within himself, there is a likeness to the blessed Three in One. Power, understanding, and will, are three faculties within him, and yet he himself is but one being.

Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B. (1805-1875).

## St. Justin, Martyr June 1st Patron of Philosophers and Lectures

Born at Nablus (ancient Shechem), Palestine, about 100, Justin came from a pagan family. At the age of thirty-three after years of studying the various systems of Philosophy, he became converted to Christianity by way of Platonism. Thereafter, his whole life was devoted to the propagation and defense of the faith in Asia Minor and at Rome. Though he retained the garb of a philosopher, he is the most important Christian Apologist of the 2nd century and the first of whom we possess written works. These are the two Apologies (to the Emperor Antonius and the Roman Senate) setting forth the moral values of Christianity, and the Dialogue demonstrating its truth to the Jew Trypho. They are invaluable for the information they contain about the Christian faith and practice at that time.

In 165, while bearing witness to the Faith in Rome, Justin was denounced as a Christian, most likely at the instigation of a Cynic philosopher whom he had outshone in a public debate. Arrested and ordered to sacrifice to the gods, he replied: "No right-minded man forsakes truth for falsehood." The six others who were with him remained steadfast with him and they all attained the palm of martyrdom.

PRAYER: God, in a wonderful manner

You taught St. Justin, the Martyr the lofty truth of Jesus Christ manifested in the folly of the Cross. Through his intercession grant that we may never fall into error but remain firm in the Faith. **Amen.**

Questions:

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# Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 7th

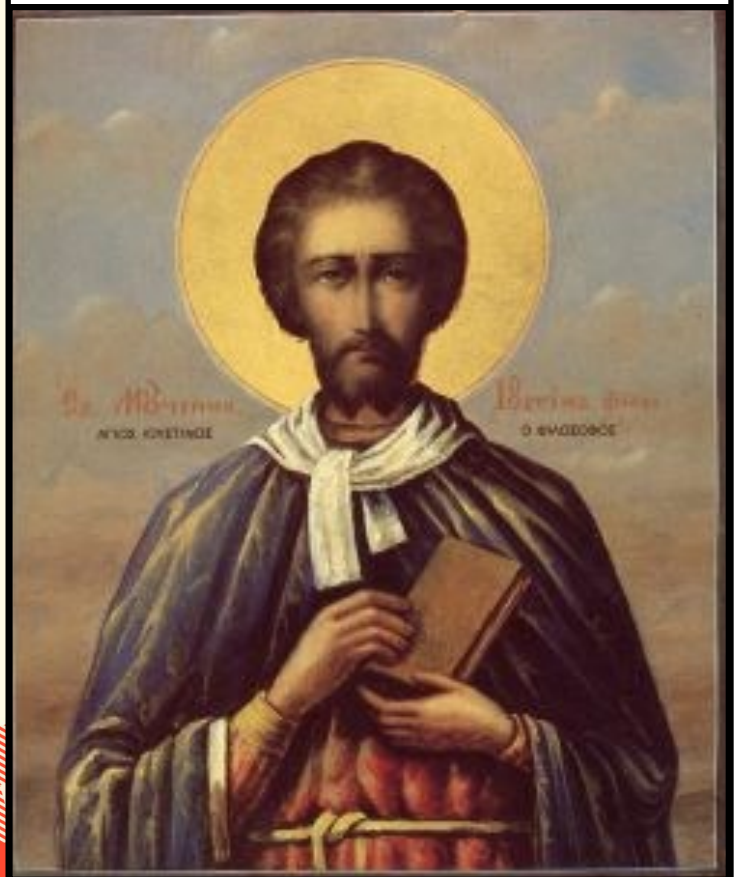
12:30pm-3:30pm

St Bernadette Parish Lawn

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

Horseshoe Tournament & Lawn Games

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Friday, July 31 • 5 pm - 9 pm



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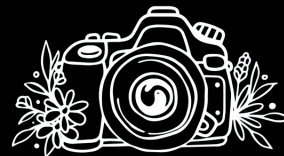
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