



June 21st, 2026

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

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

There will be no daily Mass for the rest of June. Mass intentions will be moved to July.

The miracle described in today's Gospel was intended primarily to strengthen Simon's faith in the Master, and to make the future Apostle be ready at the call of Jesus to leave family, friends and possessions, to become the disciple and constant companion of the Rabbi of Nazareth. The miracle was intended also to strengthen Simon's faith in the days when the Master would walk no longer with the brethren, and the dreadful burden of leadership would weigh heavily on the first Vicar of Christ.

For us one lesson of today's Gospel is that of the reward of obedience, of the success of the work which is undertaken at God's word, and for a right intention. Work which is carried out at God's command is certain of success. To that kind of work belongs every task which is prescribed by one's vocation. The state of life in which a man finds himself brings its definite tasks and duties. These may be regarded as more or less directly ordered by God, and with God's command to execute such tasks there goes a guarantee that His help will be given for their performance. The man of faith, who sees everywhere the working out of God's plans, will not be despondent nor lose heart if things seem to go badly with him. He will not repine, nor wish he had the tasks of others: he will go on steadily doing his daily round of duties, confident that he who seeks to fulfill God's commands will not fail, nor be deprived of reward. He will not be like the fishermen who toiled all the night and caught nothing; his every task and duty, however slight, will be accomplished with the intention of doing God's will, and his reward will be like that of the fisherman who let down his net as Christ directed.



Commentary by Msgr. Patrick Boylan (1879-1974)

Be Not Afraid : Reflection on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3).

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

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 – English Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30am – Latin Mass

9:00am – English Mass

11:00am – Latin Mass

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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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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

NO DAILY MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH

7:30 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am Latin High Mass *Pro Populo*



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



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

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Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs June 22nd



St. John Fisher was born in Beverly, Yorkshire, in 1459, and educated at Cambridge, from which he received his Master of Arts degree in 1491. He occupied the vicarage of Northallerton, 1491-1494; then he became proctor of Cambridge University. In 1497, he was appointed confessor to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII, and became closely associated in her endowments to Cambridge. He created scholarships, introduced Greek and Hebrew into the curriculum, and brought in the world-famous Erasmus as Professor of Divinity and Greek.

In 1504, St. John became Bishop of Rochester and Chancellor of Cambridge, in which capacity he also tutored Prince Henry who was to become Henry VIII. St. John was dedicated to the welfare of his diocese and his university. From 1527, this humble servant of God actively opposed the King's divorce proceeding against Catharine, his wife in the sight of God, and steadfastly resisted the encroachment of Henry on the Church. Unlike the other Bishops of the realm, St. John refused to take the oath of succession, which acknowledged the issue of Henry and Anne as the legitimate heir to the throne, and he was imprisoned in the Tower in April 1534. The next year he was made a Cardinal by Paul III, and Henry retaliated by having him beheaded within a month.

A half-hour before execution, this dedicated scholar and churchman opened his New Testament for the last time and his eyes fell on the following words St. John's Gospel: "Eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do. Do You now, Father, give Me glory at Your side" (17:3-5). Closing the book, he observed: "There is enough learning in that to last me the rest of my life." He was canonized in 1935 by Pope Pius XI.



St. Thomas More was born at London in 1478. After a thorough grounding in religion and the classics, he entered Oxford to study law. Upon leaving the university he embarked on a legal career that he took him Parliament. In 1505, he married his beloved Jane Colt who bore him four children, and when she died at a young age he married a widow, Alice Middleton, to be a mother for his young children. A wit and a reformer, this learned man numbered Bishops and scholars among his friends, and by 1516 wrote his world-famous book *Utopia*.

Henry VIII appointed Thomas to a succession of high posts, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry persisted in holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope.

The rest of Thomas's life was spent in writing mostly in defense of the Church. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. He told court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together in everlasting salvation." And on the scaffold he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant—but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535, and canonized in 1935 by Pope Pius XI.

PRAYER: God, You consummated the form of the true faith in martyrdom. Through the intercession of Sts. John and Thomas, grant that we may confirm by the testimony of our lives that faith which we profess with our tongues. Amen.



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