



June 28th, 2026

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

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Thank you for your patience as we get everything set up



The office will be closed June 29– July 3rd as I go to get pipe organ parts. I will do my best to bet caught back up on messages July 6th. Thank you, Taylor

To Find Our Lives : Reflection on the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3).

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see Matthew 18:5; 25:31–46).

As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

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

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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WEEKDAYS

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

NO DAILY MASS MONDAY AND TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

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”.

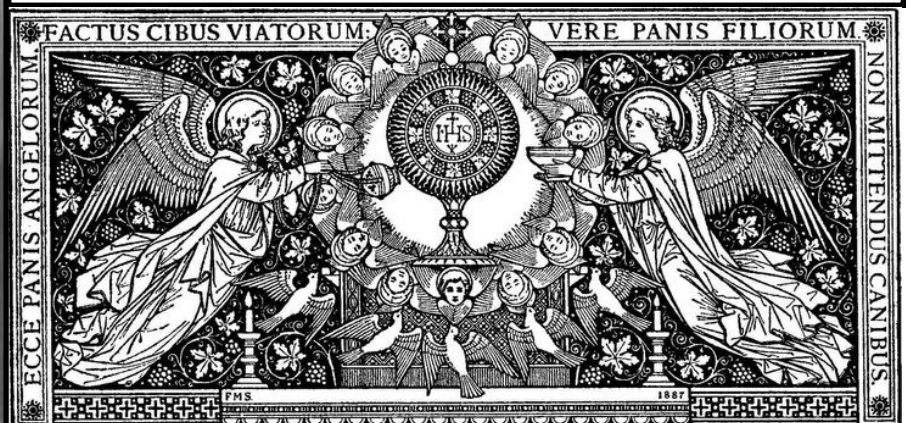
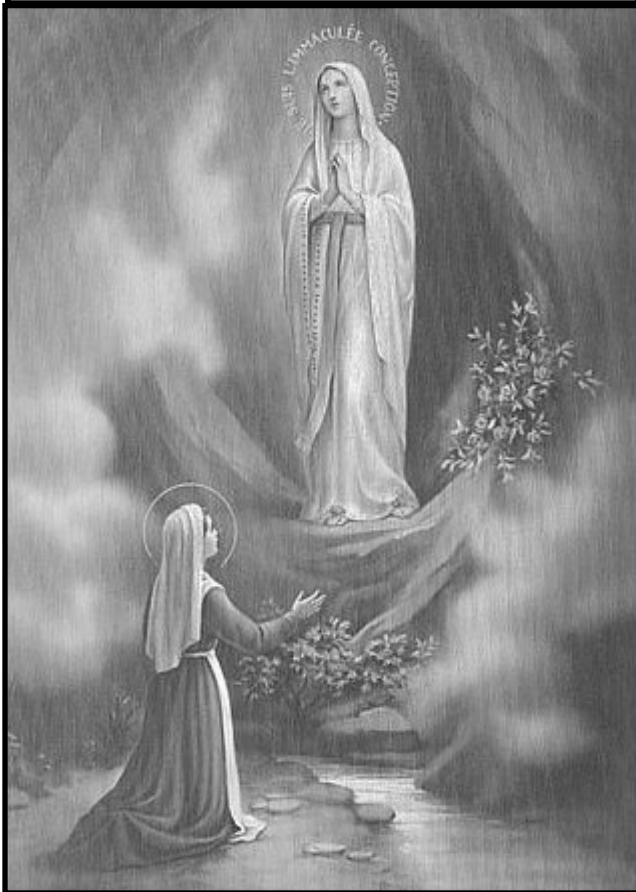
All women - retired, widowed, single and married - are invited to join.

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

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

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Commentary for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“Whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment.”

That sounds terrible, doesn't it? That sounds, doesn't it, as if our Lord was fulminating from the Mount of the Beatitudes a law far more strict and far more searching than any precept of the Decalogue. I can still remember how uncomfortable it used to make me when I was small to be told: “Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.” Because I'm afraid I did sometimes call my brother a fool; and this text seemed to say that I'd done something quite as bad as if I'd murdered him. Are we really to understand our Lord as saying that under the New Dispensation every sin will be a mortal sin? If so, surely, the Gospel will bring no liberty to human consciences; rather the Christian life will be a life of servile terror for us all.

But, you see, our Lord only puts it in these legal terms as a kind of satire on the legalistic way in which the Jews regarded their religion; on the legalistic way in which you and I sometimes regard our religion, when we forget what Master it is we serve. The point is, not that an angry word is as culpable as a mortal blow, but that the source of either is a disposition of the human heart; and such a disposition as ought not to be found at all in the Christian heart, or if it finds a harbor there, should be harbored only for a moment. It is not always wrong to kill; it is not wrong to kill in war, or in selfdefense. But it is always wrong to be angry; wrong, especially, to feel angry against a human being. And the real reason why Christians ought not to commit murder is not the fact that murder is against the Ten Commandments. Such motives as that ought to lie in the far background, the very horizon of their thoughts. The reason why Christians ought not to commit murder is that murder arises out of anger, and anger itself is something altogether out of the picture, if we really mean to be disciples of the Sermon on the Mount.

Commentary by Msgr. Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957)

St. Bernardino Realino, Priest July 2nd

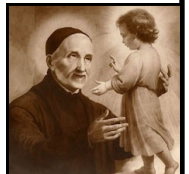
St. Bernardino was born Realino was born into a noble family of Capri, Italy, in 1530. After receiving a thorough and devout Christian education at the hands of his mother, he went on to study Medicine at University of Bologna, but after three years he switched to Law and received his Doctorate in 1563. Word of his learning, dedication, and legal brilliance spread rapidly, and in 1564 he was summoned to Naples to assume the position of auditor and lieutenant general.

Shortly afterward, this exemplary young man came to the realization that he had a religious vocation and, aided by our Lady's appearance to him, joined the Society of Jesus, being ordained in 1567. For three years he labored unstintingly at Naples, devoting himself wholeheartedly to the service of the poor and the youth, and then he was sent to Lecce where he remained for the last forty-two years of his life.

St. Bernardino won widespread recognition as a result of his ceaseless apostolic labors. He was a model confessor, a powerful preacher, a diligent teacher of the faith to the young, and a dedicated shepherd of souls, as well as Rector of the Jesuit College in Lecce and Superior of the community there. His charity to the poor and the sick knew no bounds and his kindness brought about the end of vendettas and public scandals that cropped up from time to time.

So greatly was this Saint loved and appreciated by his people that in 1616 as he lay on his deathbed the city's magistrates formally request that he should take the city under his protection. Unable to speak, St. Bernardino bowed his head. He died with the names of Jesus and Mary on his lips and was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII.

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





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