



July 12th, 2026

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

~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“By their fruits you shall know them.”

Sound trees give good fruit. The tree is sound when the good sap flows through it. For the Christian, this is the life of Christ himself, personal holiness, and nothing else can take its place. We should never separate ourselves from him. “He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” [Jn. 15:5]. When we are close to Jesus we become effective. We learn how to be joyful, to be understanding, and to love. In short, we learn how to be good Christians.

The life of union with Christ necessarily transcends the limited sphere of the individual—and this to the benefit of others. This is the source of apostolic fruitfulness: “the apostolate, of whatever kind it be, must be an overflow of the interior life,” of a life-giving union with Our Lord [St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Friends of God*, 239]. “This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is maintained by the spiritual helps common to all the faithful, chiefly obtained by active participation in the liturgy. Laymen should make such a use of these helps that, while meeting their human obligations in the ordinary conditions of life, they do not separate their union with Christ from their ordinary lives, but through the very carrying out of their everyday tasks, whose performance is God’s will for them, actually promote the growth of their union with him” [Vatican Council II, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 4]. Contact with Christ in Holy Communion, in the Mass (the true center of the Christian life), in personal prayer and mortification which permit this contact with God, will show itself in the specific way we set about our daily work, in our dealings with others, whether they are believers or not, and in the way we carry out our civic and social duties.

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The Word's Return : Reflection on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel especially.

Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17–19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

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

MONDAY, JULY 13TH

5:30pm Mass *Isaac Teo (Healing)*

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

8:00am Mass *Leroy Grugel*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Anna Marie*

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00am Mass *Jerry Smith (Repose of Soul)*

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

7:30 am Latin Mass

9:00am English Mass

11:00 am Latin Mass

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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The sap is not seen, but the fruit certainly is. Christ should be seen in us in the way we behave, in our joy and serenity in the presence of sorrow and difficulties, in our readiness to forgive others. He will be seen in the demanding way we fulfill our duties and in our exemplary sobriety in making use of material goods; in our sincere gratitude for the help we are offered in the little things of daily life. If we neglect this intimate union with God our apostolic effectiveness will be reduced to nothing in the lives of the people we habitually come into contact with. The fruits will become bitter, and unworthy of being laid before God....

If we neglect personal piety, real intimacy with God, we shall not perform the deeds God expects from every Christian. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. If our heart is not in God how can we hand on the words and the life that come from him?

Commentary from In Conversation With God by Fr. Francis Fernandez-Carvajal

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church July 15th

St. Bonaventure, widely known as “The Seraphic Doctor”, was born at Bagnorea in Tuscany, in 1221. He was originally called John but received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child’s mother, the Saint prayed for John’s recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out, “O buona ventura”—O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated Doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter’s death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend, against the latter’s inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five St. Bonaventure was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed the life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274, and was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV.

PRAYER: Almighty God, today we celebrate the heavenly birthday of St. Bonaventure, Your Bishop. Let us benefit by his wonderful teaching and always be inspired by his burning charity. **Amen.**



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