



July 26th, 2026

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

~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

As our Lord wept over the doom of Israel's ancient Sanctuary He thought also of myriads of sinners everywhere for whom His coming and His Sacrifice would be, instead of a source of blessing, an occasion of greater condemnation. He thought as He looked down through His tears on the pride and beauty of the shrine that was soon to collapse in ruin, how many other centers of God's dwelling, how many souls that God's grace would build up into living Temples of the Holy Spirit, were to be overthrown and made desolate. As He thought of the Roman armies encircling Jerusalem and building up the "stifling" barricades round her walls, He could see also the cohorts of Satan's army—the forces of pride, sensuality and unbelief, beleaguering the shrines of God in the souls of men, and threatening them with ruin.

The fall of Jerusalem is a symbol of the lot of every soul that misses its hour, that knows not the time of God's visitation. The miracles, the teaching, the gracious words, the never-ceasing goodness of Christ, were all forgotten or disregarded by a city and a people which worldliness had stricken blind, and made foolish. The brief outburst of acclamation round the Messianic King on Palm Sunday was quite forgotten amid the sneering at the unmasking of the alleged "charlatan" on Good Friday. And as Jesus wept over Jerusalem's blindness, so He wept also over the instability of so many Christians whose loyalty to Him would be as brief, and whose hostility towards Him would be as bitter as that of the children of Jerusalem.



Treasures of the Kingdom: Reflection on the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst; yet, many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that they—and we—might live.

We, too, must ever discover the kingdom anew. We are called to find it as a treasure, a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul in today's Epistle calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4): for Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also be glorified.

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

3:00pm – Confessions

4:00pm – 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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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, JULY 27TH

5:30pm Mass *Doheny Family Conversion*

No Daily Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

7:30am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00am Latin 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



Lectors for 9:00am Mass

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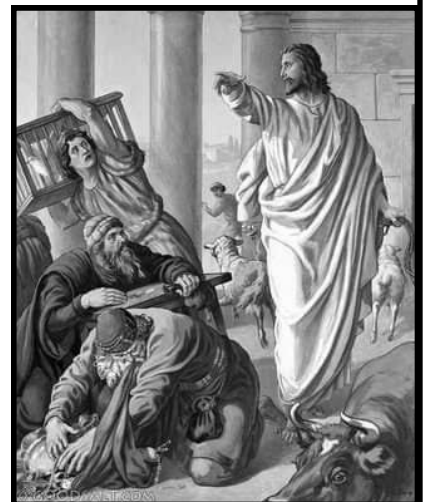


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Jerusalem would be destroyed because she had not known the hour of God’s visitation, the decisive hour of grace. To every soul is given such a time of grace—as to the Apostle Levi (Matthew), the tax collector Zacchaeus, the Woman of Samaria, the Sinner in the town, the Good Thief. On the use of the season of grace may depend eternity.

We cannot tell which of the many graces we receive is the most decisive. It may be a sermon, a confession, a mission; or it may be some misfortune, some family grief, or some problem of business. Let us pray that we never be blind to the mercies of God, and that we may be always ready to cooperate loyally with His Grace.

Commentary by Msgr. Patrick Boylan (1879-1974).



St. Samson, Bishop July 28th

One of the greatest of the Welsh Saints, Samson was born about 490 and brought up in the Abbey of Llanwit, then ruled by St. Illtud. He was ordained and decided to increase his austerities, fervor, and prayer life. Retiring to another community in the neighborhood, he eventually became its Abbot.

However, the Saint was so struck by the superior leading of some Irish monks who paid him a visit that he accompanied them to Ireland and remained a considerable time, laboring for the faith. As time went on, the gift of miracles, which he already enjoyed, attracted so much attention that his humility could not tolerate it. Returning to his own country, he lived for a while as a hermit on the banks of the Severn.

The holy monk was consecrated Bishop by St. Dubricius and as the result of a vision crossed the sea to Brittany in company with other monks. With the aid of land given him, the saintly Bishop established a monastery at a place later called Dol, which became an important Episcopal See. His influence can be gauged by the fact that he visited King Childerbert I to intercede on behalf of the dispossessed Breton ruler Judual.

St. Samson was a tireless traveler, great ascetic, and fearless monk who rendered innumerable benefits to his adopted country as well as a dedicated pastor who zealously looked after his flock. He died in 565 and was immediately honored in England, Normandy, and Brittany; later his cult spread to Italy.

PRAYER: God, by Your ineffable mercy, St. Samson proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ. Through his intercession help us to grow in the knowledge of You and faithfully walk before You according to the truth of the Gospel, filled with every good work. **Amen.**

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