



August 30th , 2026

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

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- **No Mass Monday August 31st.**
- **September 5th Mass for the Feast of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) 5pm.**

Solicitude, of the sort of which our Lord speaks, would prove the existence of an attachment to earthly things which is not compatible with anything approaching Christian perfection, or to the desire of making progress in the paths of divine union. The unitive way is possible in every state of life; only, there must be one condition observed, and that is, the soul must be detached from every tie that could keep her from going to God. The religious breaks these ties by his three vows, which are in direct opposition to the triple concupiscence of fallen nature.

The layman, who, though he is living in the world, desires to be what his Creator would have him be, must, without the aid of the real separation which the religious makes, be quite as completely detached from his own will, and sensuality, and riches, in order that all his intentions and aspirations may be fixed on the eternal home, where his one infinite, loved treasure is. If he does not bring himself, even in the midst of his riches, to be as poor in spirit as the religious is in deed, his progress will be checked at the very first step he takes in the contemplative life; and, if he allow the obstacle to block up the way, he must give up all idea of rising, in light and love, above the lowly paths of the majority of Christians.

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



For Your Life : Reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

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, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

5:30pm **No Mass**

6:00pm Novena

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

8:00am Mass *Maria Nason*

6:00pm Novena

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Eva Rose Gustafson*

6:00pm Novena

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00am Mass *For our Nation*

6:00pm Novena

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

5:00pm First Friday Mass

6:00pm Novena

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Feast of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
(Mother Teresa)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

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



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St. Giles, Abbot Patron of Blacksmiths and Cripples September 1st

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The Saint spent many years in solitude, conversing only with God. The fame of his miracles became so great that his reputation spread throughout France. He was highly esteemed by the French King, but he could not be prevailed upon to forsake his solitude. He admitted several disciples, however, to share it with him, founded a monastery, and established and excellent discipline therein. In succeeding ages it embraced the rule of St. Benedict.

St. Giles is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers invoked for emergencies and afflictions.

PRAYER: Lord, admit the things of this world, let us be wholeheartedly committed to heavenly things in imitation of the example of evangelical perfection You have given us in St. Giles the Abbot. **Amen.**



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