



October 11th, 2026

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

~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC PARISH

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fr. St. Hillaire will be on retreat for the last two weeks of
October. There will be **no Daily Mass** during that time.

Let do as our mother the Church does, and think of the danger incurred by those countless men, who madly play on the brink of the precipice into which, when they fall, they fall forever. It is quite true they are inexcusable; it was only last Sunday that they were reminded of the weeping and gnashing of teeth, in the exterior darkness, which they will undergo that despise the call to the King's marriage feast. But they are our brethren, and we should not be quietly resigned to see them lose their souls. Let us hope against all hope. Did our Lord, who knew with certainty that obstinate sinners would be lost, hesitate, on that account, to shed all His Blood for them?

It is our ambition to unite ourselves to Him by the closest possible resemblance; let us, then, be resolved to imitate Him in that also, did occasion serve. At all events, let us pray without ceasing for the Church's and our enemies, so long as we are not assured of their being lost. Such prayer is never useless, never thrown away; for, come what may, God is greatly honored by our faith, and by the earnestness of our charity.

Only, let us be careful not to merit the reproach uttered by our Redeemer against the halting faith of the fellow townsmen of the ruler of Capharnaum. We know that our Jesus has no need to come down from heaven to earth, in order to give efficiency to the commands of His gracious will. If He deign to multiply signs and wonders around us, we will rejoice at them, because of our brethren who are weak of faith; we will make them an occasion for exalting His holy name; but we will lovingly assure Him that our soul has no need of new proofs of His power, in order to believe in Him!

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

Living on the Vine: Reflection on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need.

In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24).

But are we dressed for the feast?
Are we clothed in the garment of
righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not
all who have been called will be chosen for
eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that
we're living in a manner worthy of the
invitation we've received (see Ephesians
4:1).

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, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

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THIS WEEK AT ST.
BERNADETTE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

5:30pm Mass *Jack Schwing (R.I.P)*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

8:00am Mass *Bill Kilgore (R.I.P)*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Jim Moore (R.I.P)*

6:00pm Adoration

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

8:00am Mass *Mark Grugel*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro populo*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

7:30am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

10:00am Catechism classes

11:00am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

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St. Gerard Majella, Religious October 16th

Gerard was born at Muro, Italy, in 1726 and joined the Redemptorists at the age of twenty-three, becoming a professed lay brother in 1752. He served as sacristan, gardener, porter, infirmarian, and tailor. However, because of his great piety, extraordinary wisdom, and his gift of reading consciences, he was permitted to counsel communities of religious women.

This humble servant of God also had the faculties of levitation and bilocation associated with certain mystics. His charity, obedience, and selfless service as well as his ceaseless mortification for Christ made him the perfect model of lay brothers. He was afflicted with tuberculosis and died in 1755 at the age of twenty-nine. He was canonized in 1904 by Pope St. Pius X.

This great Saint is invoked as a Patron of expectant mothers as a result of a miracle effected through his prayers for a woman labor.

PRAYER: God, by Your grace St. Gerard persevered in imitating Christ in His poverty and humility. Through his intercession, grant that we may faithfully follow our vocation and reach the perfection that You held out us in Your Son. Amen.



Announcements

40's-50's-60's Singles Group starting up

It's not a matchmaking group; it's not group therapy; it's not a place to argue politics. It's a place for Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of Scripture) and faith sharing for single adults in their 40's, 50's, and 60's.

The group will meet at St. Aloysius Parish, time and room to be determined.

For information, contact Matthew at 509-541-5574 or tarantos74@hotmail.com.

Adoration 6:00pm Wednesdays

- 1st Wednesday Young adults Adoration with confession.
- The Missionaries of Charity will have Adoration on all other Wednesdays of the Month.

October 13th

Rosary Procession in honor of Our lady of Fatima. 5:30pm procession, 6:00pm Benediction. Join us in praying for peace and for unity in the Church.

October 17th, and continuing

Girls "I Thirst" group. Contemplate, encounter, Satisfy and proclaim the thirsting love of God. Join the Missionaries of Charity every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 5:00pm-7:30pm beginning October 17th.

October 17th Walk for Life

12:30pm information tent open at Riverfront Park Rotary Fountain. 1:00pm Speaker and Walk begin



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