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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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St. Bernadette Catholic Church
Scottsdale, Arizona

Please join us for Holy Mass
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
Monday through Friday 6:30 and 8:30 AM
Saturday at 8:30 AM

Congregation size will be limited. Physical distancing required - There must be at least one empty pew and six feet between you and the next parishioner. The Bishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday mass remains in place. All masses will be live-streamed through our web page. Communion will no longer be offered after Masses.

Sunday Mass is also celebrated each week by the Diocese of Phoenix from Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral in Phoenix Sundays Live at 9:00 AM on AZTV Channel 7, youtube.com/phoenixdiocese and facebook.com/phoenixdiocese.

Parish Mission Statement

We exist as a Eucharistic community to celebrate, proclaim, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament for the Glory of God.

Parish Staff

Pastor……..Fr. Don Kline, V.F.
Associate Pastor……..Fr. Paul Avarez
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Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist. " — *St. John Paul II*

For more information on becoming a perpetual adorer, contact Donna Homiski at 602-738-6429

Glorifying God
(Part II of II)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In choosing stained glass windows and sacred art for the interior of our beautiful church, glorifying God is always the priority. How do we choose? The bishops' document offers two ways of evaluating sacred art. The first way focuses on the quality. *"Quality is evident in the honesty and genuineness of the materials that are used, the nobility of the form embodied in them, the love and care that goes into the creation of a work of art, and the personal stamp of the artist whose special gift produces a harmonious whole, a well-crafted work."* (Built of Living Stones, ch. 3)

The second bit of criteria that needs to be considered is the appropriateness of the art. *"Appropriateness is demonstrated by the work's ability to bear the weight of mystery, awe, reverence, and wonder that the liturgical action expresses and by the way it serves and does not interrupt the ritual actions which have their own structure, rhythm and movement."* (Built of Living Stones, ch. 3)

Glorifying God with sacred art, music and architecture here at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, will involve many gifted and generous people. As we continue our journey of faith, we continue in prayer. Prayer unites our hearts and minds. Let us pray God's will be done as we seek to glorify Him. Let us pray that our motives are pure and our attention on the things that will give glory to God. Let us pray for wisdom and right judgement and in all things, God will be glorified.

I am looking forward to working with those who feel called to share their gifts with our community. It is my hope that we will work together to prayerfully discern God's will for our parish. May our goal of glorifying God give us the chance to work together with talented individuals who will help make our dreams a reality.

"Genuine sacred art draws man to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2502)

If you are interested in being a part of the committee for the interior design of our parish, please pray. If you still feel called to serve in some way, please email me at frkline@saintbernadette.com and include your interest in this committee.

Lastly, if you haven't yet signed up for online giving for our parish. Please do so here: https://saintbernadette.weshareonline.org Your gifts are needed now more than ever so we can continue the mission of the Church of making more disciples. Thank you for all who have helped to keep our parish focus on Christ, Our Eucharistic King!

God Bless,

Fr. Don Kline, V.F.

"I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."

Why does Jesus describe his mission and the coming of God's kingdom in terms of conflict, division, and war? Jesus told his disciples that he did not "come to bring peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34). The "sword" which Jesus speaks of here is not a physical weapon that cuts people down, but a spiritual weapon that cuts through the inner core of our being to expose the corruption of sinful thoughts and intentions as well as the lies and deception of Satan and his kingdom of darkness.

Sword of the Spirit

Scripture describes God's word as a sharp two-edged sword that "pierces to the division of soul and spirit... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12, Revelations 19:15). Scripture also describes "God's word" as the "sword of the Spirit" which has power to destroy every spiritual stronghold that keeps people in bondage to sin, deception, and Satan (Ephesians 6:17). Jesus came to rescue us from slavery to sin and to set us free to live as citizens of God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

Spiritual warfare

Jesus' mission was an act of war against the spiritual forces who oppose the kingdom of God and his rule over the earth. That is why Jesus identified Satan as the ruler of this world whom he will cast out (John 12:31). The battle Jesus had in mind was not an earthly conflict between individuals and nations, but a spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the armies of heaven. Jesus came to wage war against the spiritual powers of this present world that turn the minds and hearts of people away from God and his kingdom of joy, peace, and goodness.

Kingdom of light versus kingdom of darkness

The Scriptures make clear that there are ultimately only two kingdoms or powers and that they stand in opposition to one another - God's kingdom of light and Satan's kingdom of darkness. John the Apostle contrasts these two opposing kingdoms in the starkest of terms: We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19). The Scriptures describe the “world” as that society of people who are opposed to God and his kingdom of righteousness, truth, and goodness. Jesus came to overthrow Satan's power and to set us free from everything that would hold us back from knowing, loving, and serving God who has loved each one of us with boundless mercy, compassion, and goodness.

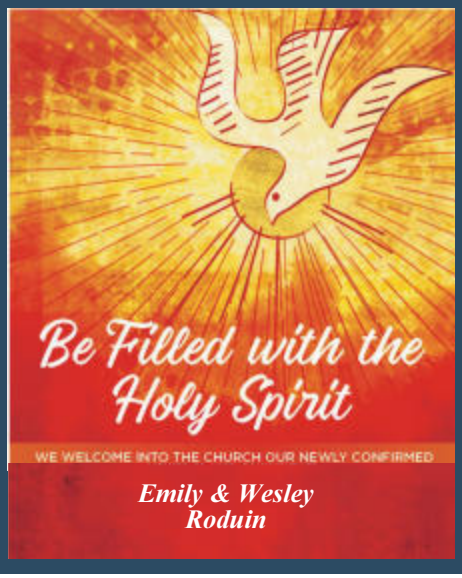
God must take first place in our lives

Jesus told his disciples that if they followed him it would be costly because they must put God's kingdom first and obey his word. Whenever a great call is given it inevitably causes division between those who accept and reject it. When Jesus remarked that division would cut very close to home, his listeners likely recalled the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any other thing above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than that owed to spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

The just reward

True love for God compels us to express charity towards our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not go unrewarded. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before his disciples the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is the will of God which leads to everlasting life, peace, and joy with God. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?

Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord. (from A Christian's Prayer Book) www.dailyscripture.net



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Kino Catechetical Institute, is a department of the Division of Education and Evangelization in the Diocese of Phoenix. The Institute provides foundational formation in Catholic doctrine, strengthening the laity to respond to the call of Christ to discipleship in the Spirit of the New Evangelization.

Registration is now open for fall classes. Learn how to share your faith or invite someone you know to take his or her faith to the next level. Visit kinoinstitute.org for more information.

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Update on Life Teen

LIFE TEEN HAS BEEN MEETING FOR SESSIONS ON ZOOM! WE HAVE ALSO BEEN DIVING INTO THE GOSPEL EVERY WEEK DURING BIBLE STUDY, AS WELL AS WATCHING AND DISCUSSING THE WILD GOOSE SERIES ON FORMED.ORG. WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY WE JUST HOSTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL 5K TO SUPPORT AND FUNDRAISE FOR ONE OF OUR SENIORS, PEPPER, WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA. PLEASE PRAY FOR US!

If you are interested in joining Life Teen for our virtual sessions, please email Sammie at scarel@saintbernadette.com!

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Safe Environment News 2020 Renewal Video is Available Now!

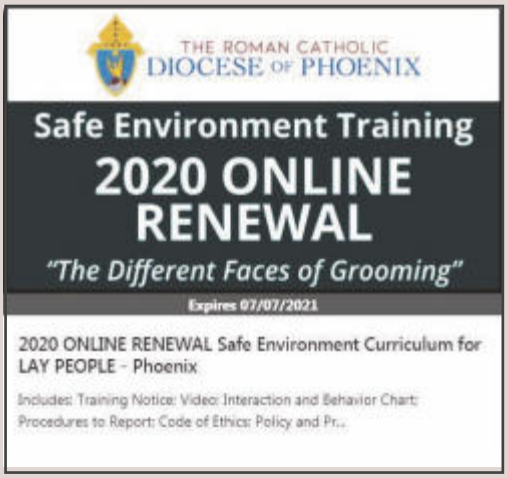
Returning ministers & volunteers must complete their online renewal by the end of August.

The Diocese of Phoenix requires all ministers and volunteers to complete a Safe Environment process that includes an application, face-to-face interview, three reference checks and an in-person foundation class. If you are a new volunteer/minister or if you are thinking about volunteering in the near future, please visit https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org. Once on the web site, you will fill out an online application, submit your Social Security number and complete an online foundation class. Your background check will be started once you complete the class. Please note the online class is only available as an accommodation to the COVID-19 crisis.

The Safe Environment year runs July 1st through June 30th. Because of COVID-19, this year's renewal is available only online.

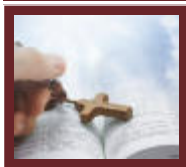
Renewals must be completed annually and background checks every five years. **The 2020 Set Renewal is available now and must be completed no later than August 31st.**

Visit http://phoenix.cmgconnect. org and access the file you created last year, update any information and click on the online renewal box. See example below.



For questions contact the Parish Volunteer office at 480-905-4434.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Readings for the Week

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." — Hebrews 4:12

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8 /Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1b,2-6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

The Eucharist: The Source & Summit of Our Faith

In a recent article, Fr. Michael Van Sloun provides an easy to understand explanation of the intimate nature of the Eucharist when he shares, " A private audience. It is almost impossible to gain access to very important people for a personal encounter. It would be extraordinary and rare to have a private audience with the pope, a personal meeting with the president or a backstage pass to visit a famous performer. But in the Eucharist, Jesus is neither remote nor protected behind layers of security. The Eucharist gives the recipient unhindered access, not to a famous person, but to the Son of God, and not just for a handshake or a few pleasantries, but for extended quality time to be with the Lord."

The minutes after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion are the most important minutes in our lives! That is the time in which we have the Creator of the entire universe within the very depths of our heart, mind and soul! We should spend some quality time in thanksgiving after we receive the Eucharistic Lord.

We can simply close our eyes and tell Jesus that we love Him. We can pour out our hearts in thanksgiving. Or if we like, we can become like a beggar and implore the Lord for all that we need or what others might need. At times, we might even like to tell the Lord that we're sorry for the times we have failed Him in the past.

Finally, we might simply tell the Lord what is on our mind: our fears and insecurities, our plans and projects, and beg the Lord for His help and blessing.

At all times and with all the energy of our heart, mind and soul we must approach the altar to receive Jesus in Holy Communion with fervor, devotion and great love.

Excerpts by Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

Mass Intentions For The Week

"Be Not Afraid, I Go Before You Always."

Saturday, July 18	**5:00 PM**	The Marino Family
Sunday, July 19	**8:00 AM**	Fr. Don Kline
	10:00 AM	St. Bernadette
	5:00 PM	Rayan Glyana
Monday, July 20	**6:30 AM**	Michael J. Smiley
	8:30 AM	✞Manuel Amorim
Tuesday, July 21	**6:30 AM**	Steve Bastian
	8:30 AM	Mary LaGioia
Wednesday, July 22	**6:30 AM**	✞Major Guillermo Hernandez
	8:30 AM	Brian and Vickie Weber
Thursday, July 23	**6:30 AM**	Miriam Cardenas
	8:30 AM	✞The Welp Family
Friday, July 24	**6:30 AM**	Mary Sullivan
	8:30 AM	✞Nanette Hutchinson
Saturday, July 25	**8:30 AM**	Michael J. Smiley
	5:00 PM	✞Scott Caldwell
Sunday, July 27	**8:00 AM**	✞Carmela Milite
	10:00 AM	St. Bernadette
	5:00 PM	✞Alberto Acosta

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish. **COVID-19 funds for rental and/or utility assistance can be obtained through SVdP. If you know someone in need of assistance, have them call us at 480-905-4439.**

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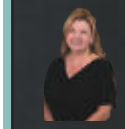

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