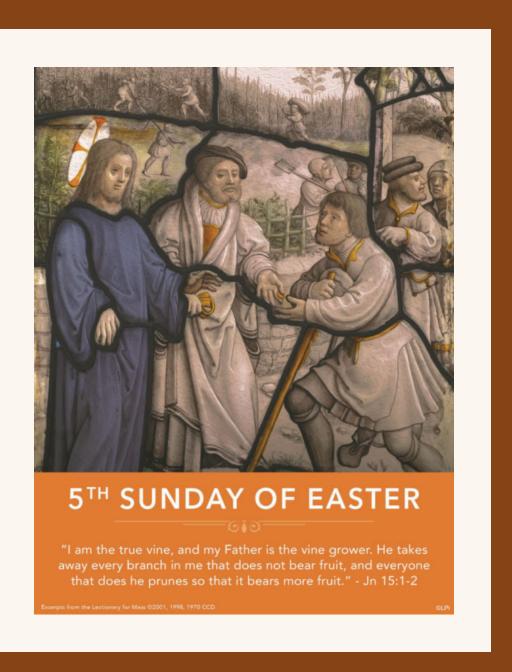
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April 28, 2024

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Liturgy

Weekend

Saturday: 5 PM (Vigil)

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, & 5 PM

Weekday

Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM Monday - Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Day Vigil: 5 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 & 8:30 AM, 5:00PM

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours with key card. Call Office for details.

Healing Rosary Friday: 6:30 PM

Reconciliation

Monday-Saturday 8:00 - 8:25 AM

Saturday: 3 - 4 PM

Or by appointment: (480-905-0221)

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office 480-905-0221

Baptism

Preparation classes required. Please contact the Parish Office for information about the preparation process.

Marriage

Nine months notification and preparation classes required. Call Parish Office for additional information.

Parish Office Hours

M-Th: 8 AM - 12 Noon; 1 PM - 5 PM

Friday: 8 AM - 1 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed



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.

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PASTOR'S NOTES

Pruning Season

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord reminds us today of the importance of remaining connected to Him. To help convey this message, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches. Christ says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." He calls you and me to remain connected to Him and He likens that relationship to the vine and branches which grow together. As a branch, you will share in Christ's very life, the life of the vine, if you abide in Him. If you remain connected to Christ, then you will have life to the fullest. As a disciple seeking to become a saint, that connection with Christ makes sense and deserves our attention and our effort.



However, there is one line in today's Gospel that can be a bit difficult to accept. Our Heavenly Father is the Vine Grower and Jesus tells us that: God the Father "takes away every branch that does not bear fruit," and everyone that Our Heavenly Father prunes, He prunes so "that it bears more fruit." As a disciples of Christ, Jesus reminds us that God the Father will prune or clip or lop or trim or snip or reduce or thin or cut or remove from us whatever does not bear fruit. None of those scenarios sound too pleasant to me. Cutting or pruning or severing or amputating or detaching all sound like painful words when applied to human beings.

I suspect that most people do not want to lose anything that belongs to them in seemingly painful ways. Yet, the central teaching of Jesus requires that some sort of pruning is necessary for growth. The reward for the pruning action is that you are then able to grow in ways never before possible. Jesus is reminding each of us that if life is going to continue, if your life is meant to have any meaningful future, then you to need allow God to prune away all that is not good, true, and beautiful.

The reality is that every person needs to face this difficult truth - some things in your life need to go. As difficult as it might be, everyone needs to face the reality that some things need to change and real growth begins by turning to Our Lord – The Vinedresser. In turn, Our Lord will help you prune the areas in your life that are dead and need to be removed from your life. Perhaps you find yourself in an abusive relationship, but you are having a difficult time letting go of things that enable the abuse to continue. Maybe you find yourself addicted to alcohol, or drugs, or pornography, and yet you hold on to the lie that your life is healthy, there is nothing that needs to change. Maybe you are in an unhealthy work environment or circumstance, and yet continue to hold onto the belief that your life is just as it should be. Maybe you are filled with self-pity over someone or something that you have lost and refuse to let go because you feel it is just better to hold on to what you know rather than enter the unknown.

Dead branches in your life not only weigh you down. Dead branches can also crush you and hurt you deeply. That is why, when find yourself not sure about the next step, ask Our Lord to help you let go and let Him remove what is dead from your life. To do anything less would be living a lie. At times, it can feel that letting go will be painful, but the opposite can happen. Cutting off what is dead is not meant to be cruel. Letting go and trusting the Divine Vinedresser is act of our loving God who removes barren branches so that other parts of your life can thrive. Jesus came to bring life and the desire of His Most Sacred Heart is that you experience life in the most fulfilling ways possible. Trust Him. If you want joy, you need to trust Him. If you want life, you need to let Our Lord take what is dead in your life and prune it away so your life can flourish.

God Bless.

Fr. Don Kline, V.F.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



ABIDE IN ME AND I IN YOU

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the Scriptures as a sign of degeneration - a deformed state of spiritual growth and moral decline. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "vielded wild grapes" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "degenerate and wild vine" (Jeremiah 2:21).

One must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life"

When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious affiliation or association with spiritually minded people is not sufficient by itself - one must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life" (Revelation 22:1-2, Genesis 2:8-9) who is the eternal Father and his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Bearing the fruit of righteousness, peace, and joy

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give you the abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom?

Lord Jesus, may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. Inflame my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All. dailyscripture.net

INFORMATION



WATER DRIVE FOR THE **HOMELESS**

May 4th and 5th

Last summer nearly 400 individuals died as a result of our high summer temperatures. Nearly 200 of those individuals were living on the streets. The increasing number of homeless and the rising Phoenix summer temperatures make water and housing more important than ever.

Water is critical to our homeless populations during the extreme Arizona heat. Help us by donating a case of bottled water to make sure our most vulnerable have the water they need to stay alive. You can help save lives through your donations.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are collecting 32, 36 or 48 count cases of 16.9 oz. bottles.

Questions contact: Shirley Smalley at ssmalley@saintbernadette.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WATER DRIVE

Before and after all Masses May 4th and 5th

If you can help, contact: **Shirley Smalley at** ssmalley@saintbernadette.com Or call 480-905-4434.

Sign up to volunteer with this link:

https://bit.ly/waterdrive2024



Farewell Father Andrzej

Fr. Andrzej has been called to return to the Diocese of Saginaw, Ml. Join us for a farewell celebration after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses on Sunday, May 26 in the parish hall.

We will miss your wisdom, joy and spiritual advice, Fr. Andrzej, and may God bless you as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

INTENTIONS AND READINGS



Saturday, April 27	5:00 PM		Fr. Doug Spina
Sunday, April 28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM		Al Reilly Jeff & Mary Mirasola St. Bernadette Parishioners
Monday, April 29	6:30 AM 8:30 AM		Jeffrey Turner, Jr. Avery Dilema
Tuesday, April 30	6:30 AM 8:30 AM		Casimir and Gertrude Andrzejczak Anthony Vidamo
Wednesday, May 1	6:30 AM 8:30 AM		Mary Ditto Ruth Krebs and Torrey Krebs
Thursday, May 2	6:30 AM 8:30 AM		Peter and Nanette Auriemma Michael Patrick Mirasola
Friday, May 3	6:30 AM 8:30 AM 7:00 PM	-	Paul McMenaman Lillian Malouff Shirley LeSure
Saturday, May 4	8:30 PM 5:00 PM	Ŷ	Trevor Budny Dcn. Al Homiski and Family
Sunday, May 5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Ŷ	William Anthony Mirasola John Sanzo St. Bernadette Parishioners

Readings Week

Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29 Sunday:

/ Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4

/ Jn 10:1-10

Acts 11:19-26 / Ps 87:1-7 / Jn 10:22-30 Tuesday:

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

/ Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

/ Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-11 / Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-28, 30-32

/ 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8



Life, The Only Choice!

Join us for a special event to benefit moms in need. **April 28th at 11:45 AM**

As Mother's Day approaches, the Culture of Life ministry invites you to join us on April 28 at 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall for a special event to benefit moms in need through **Life Choices Women's Clinic.** A representative from their pro-life education program will be speaking to us about defending life and we'll even see a live ultrasound! Please note: this event is appropriate for ages 12+.

Life Choices Women's Clinic's current needs include:

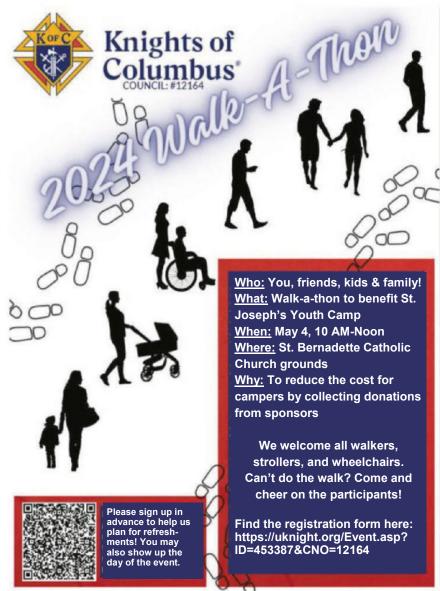
- Desitin diaper rash cream
- Bath items:
- Baby wash, shampoo, lotion, and oil
- Towels and washcloths
- Sheets for cribs, bassinets, and pack-n-plays
- Infant toys and teething toys
- Baby nail clippers
- Baby board book "Guess How Much I Love You" Helps moms start telling their babies that they are loved.

Online donations can be made at https://pro-lifeArizona.com



COMING SOON







Did you know that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by college students who wanted to show that the Gospel and the Catholic Church make a real difference in the world? The Society is anchored by three essential elements: spirituality, fellowship and service. The goal of the Society is to help members grow in holiness through fraternity and fellowship.

The Phoenix Diocesan Council is the largest SVdP Council in the world. Because of that, we have a variety of service and volunteer opportunities. From individuals who volunteer in our stores or one of our five dining rooms to people who join or assist our parish-based conferences, there is room for everyone to join us in service to the poor and vulnerable.

Each week hundreds of Vincentians and Vincentian volunteers bring the love of Christ and the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

Why not consider joining as a full or associate member or volunteer?
Help us enflesh the Gospel message to others through fellowship and service. For information, call 480-905 -4439 and leave a message. We will call you back.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



WELCOME

to our parish

Have you joined our parish within the last year? Please join us for a new parishioner welcome event. Meet and connect with other new parishioners and parish staff and enjoy a complimentary pancake breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus.

May 19th after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses in the parish hall

RSVP by May 15 Call the Parish Office at 480-905-0221 with preferred mass time and number of adults and children who will attend.

We hope to see you there!

INFORMATION



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Did you know?

- St. Bernadette's Adoration Chapel has 153 Adorers who have made a weekly hourly commitment to pray and spend time with the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- The Adoration Chapel has 159 hours each week that are in need of a perpetual adorer.
- In the month of March there were 1,446 visits to the chapel.
- If you are interested in committing to an hour every week, create a We Adore Him account at https:// stbernadette.weadorehim.com/ and you will be contacted by parish staff.



Saint John XXIII Catholic School is hiring teachers and instructional aides for the 2024/25 school year.

If interested, please contact the school office at 480-905-0939.



St. Bernadette is in need of additional ushers for our weekend masses, especially at the Saturday and **Sunday 5 PM Masses.** Ushers serve as the first smiling face that greets parishioners and visitors to our Church. They are responsible for the smooth functioning of the Mass, including:

- Arranging gift bearers
- Seating people as needed
- Taking up collections
- Helping the Communion flow
- Guarding the Blessed Sacrament
- Assisting those who need aid
- Performing other duties as requested

Serving as an usher is a great opportunity to serve and meet other parishioners. If you would like to join this rewarding ministry please call the parish office at 480-905-4429 to speak to Diane.

This Week at St. Bernadette

Masses

Monday through Friday mornings at 6:30 and 8:30 AM Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM

Daily Confessions

Before daily mass 8:00 - 8:25 AM Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

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Sunday	Donuts	avallable	after each	morning	mass

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM LITURGY

9:00 AM Elementary Sacramental Prep

11:45 AM Life, The Only Choice

12:00 PM First Reconciliation Retreat, Makeup

5:00 PM LITURGY

Monday 6:00 PM Spiritual Warfare Rosary

6:30 PM RCIA Catechumenate

Tuesday 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

9:30 AM Parkinson's Group Meeting

6:00 PM Knights of the Altar Officers Meeting

Wednesday 6:00 PM Religious Education Classes

6:30 PM Adventus Jr. High Meeting

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

7:00 PM Children of Hope

Thursday 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

Friday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM Healing Rosary

7:30 PM First Friday Mass

Saturday 9:15 AM Prayer Cenacle

10:00 AM Knights of Columbus Jesus Lap-a-Thon

5:00 PM LITURGY

Sunday Donuts available after each morning mass

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM LITURGY 11:15 AM Family Formation

5:00 PM LITURGY



Friday Night Healing Rosary

every Friday in the Church and on Zoom at 6:30 PM

Zoom Link:

https://bit.ly/fridayhealingrosary

Use meeting ID **674 186 578** and password **Rosary**

Parish Ministries & Organizations

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RCIA	Shirley Smalley	480-905-0221
Infant Baptism	Shirley Smalley	480-905-0221
Marriage Prep	Mitzi Palma	480-905-0221
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Funerals	Deacon Frank Nevarez	480-905-0221
Ministers of Care -	Deacon Al Homiski	480-905-0221
Homebound		
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Knights of the Altar	Chita Dilema	480-905-0221 480-797-0145
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Lectors	Donna Homiski	480-905-0221
Ushers	Mike Smalley	602-799-2256
EDUCATION & FORMATION MINI	CTDIEC	
Family Catechesis	Patrick Klein	480-905-0221
Lisieux Sorority	Sara Pimentel	480-905-0221
Men's Bible Study	Jim McLaughlin	480-694-1297
Women's Bible Study (Info only)	•	480-995-0221
Women's bible study (injo only)	ransii Onice	480-303-0221
PRAYER & WORSHIP MINISTRIES		
Eucharistic Adoration	Kerry Fahey	480-905-0221
Friday Night Healing Rosary	Mike Smalley	480-905-0221
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SERVICE MINISTRIES		
Culture of Life	Claire Wagner	602-703-3573
St. Vincent de Paul	Help Line	480-905-4439
Meals for Families in Crisis	Rachel Bears	602-402-0220
& New Moms		
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
Boy Scouts	Tim Whitney	602-403-4121
Knights of Columbus	Jeff Pinto	480-299-9053
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Irma Stewart	602-695-4049
Sociable Seniors	Shirley Shanholtz	480-905-0221
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