



St. Bernard Catholic Church

(Established in 1787)

DAILY MASSES

Monday—Friday:

Mass 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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St. Joseph Adoration Chapel:
Thursday



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Christian Burial: Please contact the funeral home to make arrangements they will contact church and cemetery.

Pastoral & Finance Meeting - Pastoral Council meetings will be announced.

Mass Intentions Saturday, May 19, 2018**Rosary 7:30 p.m.**

8:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. Bernard Catholic Church; Bernard & Chase Naquin; Duke Collins; Donald Serpas, Sr.; Cecile Serpas; Tim George; Mae & Joseph "Nuyo" Asevado; Sal Gagliano; Gloria Leon; Jack & Jack LaFond; Ruffino Guerra; Charles, Cornelia & Lori Robertson; Dewey Joseph Bordelon; Louise Brulte; Louise Evans; and all on our Sick List especially Kerry Robertson, Lonny Becnel and Ryan Peltier

Sunday, May 20, 2018**Rosary 9:30 a.m.**

10:00 a.m. Charles L. Smith; Gauthé Family; Agnes & Wallace Serpas; Jerry Wheat; Josephine & Reese Nunez; Mike, Rosie & André Colletti; Dickie Stander; Marvin Acosta; Merle King; Louise M. Alphonso; Catherine Feraci; Larry Gonzales, Jr.; Raymond Serpas; Jack Alphonso, Sr.; Freddie Landry; Lorraine Clarke; Andrew Vigueira, Sr.; Pete Billiot; Vernon Alfonso; Gloria Leon; Anna Dietrich; Barbara Babin; Rudy & Anita Alfonso; Alice & Hewett Howard; Louis Menesses & Fly; Merlin Campo, Sr. & Jr.; The weak and poor, candlemakers and dogs; Health of Sidney Evans, Jr.; Jimmy Brieo; Lisa and Samantha; and all Military Personnel & Families

DAILY—Rosary 8 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m.:

Monday, May 21, 2018

For Our Youth

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

All Sick & Dying

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 24, 2018

All Parishioners

Friday, May 25, 2018

Deceased Priests

Saturday, May 26, 2018

No Mass



Readings For The Week

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| Monday: | Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29 |
| Tuesday: | Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37 |
| Wednesday: | Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40 |
| Thursday: | Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50 |
| Friday: | Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
Mk 10:1-12 |
| Saturday: | Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16 |
| Sunday: | Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 |

PENTECOST SUNDAY**Ministry Schedule****For Next Week:****Saturday, May 26, 4:00 p.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Catherine

Ministers of Communion:
Lucy**Sunday, May 27, 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrant: Fr. Hoang

Lector: Lacye

Ministers of Communion:
Rhonda
Angela

Sanctuary Lamp Tim George

Marian Candle Junior Rodriguez



St. Joseph Candle Floyd Landry, Sr.

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May 12—13, 2018**Attendance: 104**

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Introduction

It would seem that on this particular Sunday the Church would tell us all about the inner workings of the Blessed Trinity. Today would be the prime time for answering such questions as:

How can one God be three Persons, and three Persons be one God?

Why three Persons instead of three forces, or three ideas, or three concepts?

Why only three instead of four, or six or a dozen?

How does the Trinity work together? Does the Father have veto power?

How does Jesus' humanity fit into the Trinity?

Why didn't the Father and the Holy Spirit become flesh like the Son and dwell among us?

The doctrine of the Trinity describes the unique ways that we experience God's presence in our lives. It is a confusing doctrine, even for adults, because it seems to imply three gods who are yet One God. When we speak of the mystery of creator and creation, we can only apprehend that mystery by analogy, poetry, and symbolic language. What we describe with the doctrine of the Trinity is an experience of God.

First, we know God through His creation and through our own creative acts. When we make something, whether it be a piece of furniture or a special meal, we are in touch with God as we shape something into a different form. The intense fulfillment of childbirth is another example of creative time. When we are creative, we feel whole and fulfilled. God is creating through us, and we have a sense of being an instrument for the Divine. We call this way of experiencing God "Father".

Secondly, we know God in the sense expressed in 1 John 4:16 "God is love, and He who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." God is as close to us as the healing love that is shared among His people. It was Jesus who proclaimed this reality by the power of love He showed in His life, death, and resurrection. Using the metaphors of biblical language, we could say that we "meet Christ" in the acts of love and healing. We know God through the "flesh and blood" of His presence in our lives and through the power of love that leads us into deeper life. We call this way of experiencing and knowing God "Son", since Jesus is called the Son of God.

Finally, we feel the spirit and are "turned on" to God's power. We know God through the inspiration that comes to us. Our secular use of the word "spirit" describes very well the experiences of God we feel through spiritedness and inspiration. When I say that certain words "came to me" in a moment of crisis, I feel I am describing the experience of receiving inspiration. As Christians we simply add the word "Holy" to the everyday word "Spirit" to define the spirited way of knowing God in our lives. Thus we can say that we know God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The dogma of the Trinity has not always been clearly defined. In fact, the word "trinity" does not appear in Holy Scripture (neither does the word "pope", "purgatory", or "catholic" for that matter - as our fundamentalist brothers and sisters will be quick to point out). It is not even clear how the doctrine was understood in the time of the

apostles. The oldest doctrinal formulation of the Church's belief in the Trinity is in the Apostle's Creed, which, in the form of the ancient Roman baptismal symbol, served as the basis of catechumenal instruction and as a baptismal confession of faith since the second century. In the early Church, Christians began to ponder the mystery of God's unity and the Trinity and attempted to explain more precisely the relationships among the persons of the Trinity. These efforts led to many errors in the early years, and most of those who tried to describe the relationships ended in heresy. Even the great theologians Tertullian and Origin stumbled into error in their attempts to explain the relationship between the Father and the Son. Arius, around the year A.D. 300, concluded that the Word (logos) of God was created by the Father to be the instrument of all other creation. The Word, or God the Son, was a perfect creature to Arius, but a creature nonetheless. Were this account true, then only the Father would be truly God, and the Son and Holy Spirit would then be divine only through adoption by the Father. In such a case, the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity would become merely a descending hierarchy with the Father extending His grace to the Son and the Holy Spirit, rather than a communion of co-equal and co-eternal persons, who together are the one, true God. Arianism finally died out almost 500 years later at the end of the 7th century. Arianism has been revived in the modern world by the Jehovah's Witnesses who deny that Jesus is God.

The creed which we call the Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea in AD 325. It was probably introduced into the western liturgy by the regional Council of Toledo in A.D. 589. That text however, was a Latin translation of the Greek original and came to include a small addition which resulted in major theological disputes, namely that the Holy Spirit "proceeds" from the Father and the Son, rather than only from the Father. This matter continues to divide Catholic and Protestant Christians from Eastern Orthodox Christians.

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

Our gospel reading for today is the last five verses of the Gospel of Matthew; the five verses which Protestant Bibles call "The Great Commission." It is Jesus' second resurrection appearance in this gospel, the first having been to the women who had come to the tomb.

16 The eleven disciples went to Galilee,

This alludes to the absence of Judas who, we are told in Matthew 27:5, had hanged himself.

to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

The identity of the mountain is unknown, like the mount of the transfiguration.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Although they recognize Him immediately, the stress is not on His appearance but on His words.

18 Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Note the past tense. It is God the Father who has bestowed divine authority on Jesus as the Son of Man. He is the ambassador of the Father with full authority to make commitments and obligations. The authority is that of the Kingdom of God.

19 Go, therefore,

Because He has full authority, He can commission others to work in His behalf.
and make disciples of all nations,

The great commission is a general command: to “make disciples of all nations” – all people of all cultures – even Jews who are not already disciples.

baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

Now we learn how they are to make disciples – first they baptize them, which is a rite of initiation. By being baptized “in the name” signifies that they belong to the one triune God. By belonging to the Name, they owe allegiance to the one God and all He represents and manifests.

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

After being baptized and having received the Holy Spirit, the initiates are to be instructed in all the doctrines. In the early Church, the Eucharist was not explained until after baptism.

And behold, I am with you always,

Jesus is Emmanuel, the divine presence (*Shekinah*) with His people as they make decisions, study, pray, preach, baptize and teach. He is with us because we are in covenant with the Father and we are all always part of His family.

until the end of the age.

The coming of the kingdom of God in its fullness.

11. Tower of Ivory



Ivory has long been a symbol of peace, wealth and joyous feasting. It is through the wealth of grace that we are brought into union of God through Mary.

12. Ark of the Covenant



She was the precious vessel that carried the promise or covenant of God to Abraham. Just as God dwelt inside the Ark of the Covenant that was carried by the Levites, just as Jesus was carried by the new Ark, the womb of Mary

13. Gate of Heaven



Jesus told us that we can only get to the Father through the Son, but Jesus had to get to us through his Mother, Mary. Therefore, she is called the “Gate of Heaven” because she delivered Jesus to us.

14. Morning Star



As the “morning star” shines brightly before the sun rises, so Mary as Mother of Jesus, who is the Light of the World (the Sun) preceded his coming.

15. Conceived Without Original Sin



Mary is referred to as the Immaculate Conception because when she was conceived by her parents, she was given the grace of being saved by Christ before she was born. She was redeemed and remained sinless from the moment of her conception throughout her life.

16. Comforter of the Afflicted



During our time of sorrows and pain, we need to ask Mary to wrap us in her mantle just as she did to protect Jesus when she and Joseph fled to Egypt. She, in watching her Son be sacrificed before her on the Cross, knows what true sorrow, heartbreak and sadness. She understands our pain and can comfort us in our sorrow and trials.

17. Queen of Angels



When the mother of God is seated on her throne beside her Divine Son, it is the angels who are often envisioned as placing her crown upon her head. The name is also tied to the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, and described in Revelation as “*a woman clothed with the sun, the head a crown of twelve stars.*” (Rev. 12:1)

18. Queen of all Saints



None of the saints became saints without a devotion to the one whom Jesus came to us through. She was the one who carried and cared for our Lord throughout His life, and was a perfect example of a saintly life, here on earth and in Heaven.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The disciples gathered on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection were not keeping their first Pentecost. For them, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after Passover, a feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It was the second most important feast of the year. Today, Jews gather on the eve of the feast to study scripture and the law, and after the feast begins at sundown, spend the day in joyful social gatherings. The meaning of the celebration is the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, so for Christians the connection to the gifts of the Holy Spirit is obvious. In Sicily and in the Pantheon in Rome, today the descent of the Holy Spirit is enacted with a stunning ritual. Some churches there have an "eye" in the roof open to the sky, called an *oculus*. After the Gospel today, thousands of rose petals fall from the *oculus* onto the assembly. Churches and homes are decked in greenery and flowers to express the new life the Holy Spirit brings on this, the "birthday of the church."

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ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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ADORATION CHAPELS

The Deanery Adoration Chapel located at OLPS invites you to come spend a little time with the Lord in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a few minutes or consider becoming a "**committed adorer**" for a particular hour. OLPS 8 am to 8 pm Monday-Friday. If anyone would like to be on the committee at OLPS please contact them. OLPS is need of adorers if you can commit please call them. Our Lady of Lourdes has Adoration on the first Wednesday of the month. St. Bernard has Adoration on Thursday. Please consider spending an hour with the Lord.

FOOD BANK

Our Food Bank has received a gift in the amount of \$1,500 from the St. Bernard Volunteers for Family and Community. The money will be used for the purchase of food as well as repairs and updating our freezers and refrigerators. This is the second year that our Food Bank has received \$1,500 from this local woman's organization. In addition to the money, they plan to sponsor a parish-wide food drive. A portion of the food will be given to our Food Bank.

Three local women have assisted this effort to help our Food Bank and we recognize them for their work. They are: *Judy Nicosia, Kathy Nunez, and Sylvia Guillot.*

We serve 200 local families and distribute food once a month. We are in need of volunteers. Please consider helping this great ministry.

Thank you!!!

Please Pray for Our Sick

Manuel Alfonso; Debbie Gonzales; Charles Duhe; Harold J. Lind, III; Aiden Smith; Madeline Colletti Cimino; Gene Perez; Patricia Fincher; Frances Evans; Donald Campo; Edna O'Rourke; Marlene Campo; Bernard Naquin, Jr.; Dorothy Easley; Devin Dimadigo; Kylie Gritter; David Naquin; Sheri Fernandez; Christina Landry; Brett Gagliano; Brendan Graf; Emile Evans; Landon Ansardi; Faith Gonzales; Kayla Vogelaar; Mindy Casanova Dardar; Wilmoy & Florine Shows; Brett Bergeron; Allen Nunez; Eleanore Erato; David Casanova; Danny Morales; Riley Richards; Hyacinth Serpas; Paul Morales, III; Jerrilee Odinet; Karley Draper; Hailey Martin; Lorraine Daroca; Barbara Simpson; Michael George; Jamie Harris; Joy Fernandez; Marianne Marks; Kimberly Mones; Jules Turjeau; Avery Cantrelle; Rita Bauer; Sandy Thurman; Talor Gutierrez; Erica Stewart; Maggie Serigne; Regina Waguestack; Valerie Wheat; Hunter Hoffmann; Christina Gardner; Debra Winesberry; AJ Arnone; Evis; Michelle Matthews; Fr. Charley; Sandra Jones; William Ybarzabal; Don Clark; Fred Everhardt; Thelma Lee; Lela Weber; Janey Yates; Connie St. Pierre; Tino Mones; Walter Guidry; Mary Gagliano; Patrick Campo, Sr.; Joyce Serpas; Michael Fernandez; SE Kreiger; Pasqual Alfonso; Henry Dietrich; Sidney Evans, Jr.; Hope Serigne; Mr. & Mrs. Caesar; Dona F. Mills; Mary Barker; Bob Couch; Rhonda Riley; Norbert Billiot, Sr.; Lionel Serigne, Sr.; Lisa and Samantha; Paul Remick; Justin Serpas; Rene Poche; Lisa Montelongo; Barbara Robin; Lorenza Acosta; Adam Serigne; Becky Couture Riker; Linda Melerine; Alfred Nunez; Vicki Morales; Stephen Lobre; Barney Koons; Mary Smith; Romona Lucas; Paul Serigne; Taylor Tycer; Dan Assevado; Wendy Walls; Kaleigh Kate Ma; Robert Oalmann; Noah Campo; Arley Jaramillo; Robert Burns; Peter Peterson; Anna Morales; Elsie Smith; Philip Deogracias; Beverly Bachemin; Ryan Peltier; Lonny Becnel; Kerry Robertson



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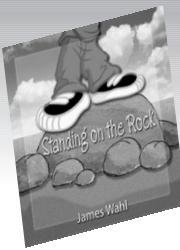
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