

**The Deacon’s Bench**

**Deacon Jim Carper, Parish Life Director**

The deacon’s bench, historically, is where the deacons sat during church services in the early protestant church. It seemed an appropriate title for this small section of our Church Bulletin; since it is an opportunity for me to share with you what’s going on in our Parish, from my point of view.

**Why do Catholics pray to statues? First of all...we don’t This is not what Catholics do when they pray in front of a statue.**

We worship with our whole person, employing all our senses. A statue, or any religious image, is intended to draw us deeper into prayer by engaging our senses to recall the mystery the image represents. Crucifixes, a statue of Mary or a stain glass window provide a “focal point” for our meditation which helps us better contemplate the great mysteries of God. Statues have been around since before we had Bibles to read from. People didn’t have individual Bibles to teach them about the story of salvation history. Statues and other pieces of religious art became a means for the Church to teach the Bible.

**Why do Catholics Worship Mary?**

Again...we don’t; but we do hold her in high regard. We honor Mary, because God honored her. God chose her to bear his son. Mary said “Yes” to God and gave birth to baby Jesus. After all, she could have said “No.” Mary could have been stoned to death for being an unwed mother while she was engaged to Joseph. She knew how Joseph, her parents and the people in her town would react and she said “Yes” anyway. That is why we consider her a “spiritual” hero of the Church. God trusted Mary to love his son and take care of him and she did, all the way to the foot of the cross.

**Special Thanks to Fr Tom Welbers**

Special Thanks to Fr. Thomas Welbers who, for the past three weeks (soon to be four) has been our celebrant at all three weekend Masses. He has also taken the opportunity to cover the “Bread of Life Discourse” in its entirety. The **Bread of Life Discourse** is a portion of the teaching of Jesus which appears in the Gospel of John 6:22-59 and was delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum.

**Come Home to St Bernadette**

<b>Last Sunday’s Collection.....\$6,151.00</b>	
<b>Debt Reduction.....\$1,556.00</b>	
Intentions for the Week	
<b>Saturday 5:30PM</b>	<b>Intentions of All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 8:00AM</b>	<b>Darrell Jackson</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>+Vivian Guidry</b>
<b>Monday 8:00AM</b>	<b>Intentions of All Parishioners</b>
<b>Tuesday 8:00AM</b>	<b>Intentions of All Parishioners</b>
<b>Wednesday 8:00AM</b>	<b>Intentions of All Parishioners</b>
<b>Thursday 8:00AM</b>	<b>+Anona Rita Adams</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>August 26th</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>-Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>-34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>-Eph. 5:21-32</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>-John 6:60-69</b>
<b>September 2nd</b>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>-Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>-15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>- James 1:17-18</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>

**PLEASE PRAY**


Pray for the sick and the shut-ins and especially for those battling cancer. Lord, grant that all who are sick and shut-in find peace.

**Have You Remembered St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Your Will or Trust?**

Have you remembered your parish in your Will or Trust? For more information, please contact the Planned Giving Office at (213)637-7504 or email [plannedgiving@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:plannedgiving@la-archdiocese.org) Website [www.ADLAegacy.org](http://www.ADLAegacy.org)



**LOS ANGELES**

 **COFFEE HOUR**

August  
26<sup>th</sup> Eric, Debora & Adam Griffin

September  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> Patrice Hazure- Spencer  
16<sup>th</sup>  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup> Rachel's Hope

**To have doughnuts available after mass we need more volunteers from the parish to sponsor them.  
HELP sponsor doughnuts.  
Please call the rectory @ 323-293-4877 if you can assist. Thank you for your support!**

**Journey through Scripture – The Bible and The Sacraments - Preregistration**

*The Bible and the Sacraments* is unlike any other study on the sacraments. It looks at the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin. **But it goes further.** It investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, it reveals the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals. They are incredible “‘powers that come forth’ from the Body of Christ”

**Class forming now! Tuesday: Sept. 18, 25; Oct 02, 16, 23 @ 7:00pm Cost \$16.00 (Covers the cost of the Workbook)**

**Please contact the office and provide us with your name, phone number and email address.**



***Did You Know?***

As a family, you should have a list of family emergency phone numbers that your children know from an early age. Review these numbers together a few times a year. Children should know their parents' cell and work phone numbers, and they should know who to call — and how — in an emergency. Include the numbers for the police, the fire department, and stress the importance of knowing when and how to contact 911. For little children who cannot memorize all that yet, try writing the parents' phone numbers inside their shoes.

**ST BERNADETTE SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Weekend: Christian Service collection  
3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend: Debt-Reduction collection**

**Registration is now open for Faith Formation!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**



**High School Confirmation**



**RCIA – Adult Formation**



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