

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.

Catechetical Sunday – Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

This year, Catechetical Sunday was celebrated on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This is a time for all to rededicate themselves to St Bernadette as a community of faith.

Journey Through Scripture/The Bible and the Sacraments – What you Missed this Week

This past Tuesday we kicked off our Fall Bible Study. The topic? *The Bible and the Sacraments. This comprehensive scripture study is unlike any other study on the sacraments.* It looks at the basic teachings 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” (CCC 1116).

The Bible and the Sacraments is based on the work of world-renowned theologian Dr. Scott Hahn. Presented by Deacon Jim Carper, the deep mysteries and truths of the sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

SPACE AND WORKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS – October 4th – Pet Blessings All Day Long

The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis of Assisi believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He Called all creatures his “brothers” and sisters”, and even preached to the birds and supposedly persuaded a wolf to stop attacking some locals if they agreed to feed the wolf. In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means ‘the imparting of power or life.’ The person performing the blessing is mediating that power from God or Christ to the person performing or the animal involved. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God’s

power in person! The blessing of each animal, by the name, means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the Benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners. Thank you for joining us! May God Bless you and your pets!

INVITE A FRIEND or FAMILY MEMBER TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Come Home to St Bernadette

Last Sunday’s Collection.....\$9,735.00	
Debt Reduction.....\$1,862.00	
Intentions for the Week	
Saturday 5:30PM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Sunday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
10:00AM	+Vivian Guidry
Monday 8:00AM	+Anona “Cookie” Adams
	Intentions of All Parishioners
Tuesday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Wednesday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Thursday 8:00AM	Teresa Shin
Friday	NO MASS
<u>September 23rd</u>	
<u>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</u>	
First Reading	-Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm	-54:3-4, 5, 6, &8
Second Reading	- James 3:16- 4:3
Gospel	- Mark 9:30-37
<u>September 30th</u>	
<u>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</u>	
First Reading	-Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm	-19:8, 10, 12- 14
Second Reading	- James 5:1-6
Gospel	- Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 Website www.ADLAegacy.org

LOS ANGELES

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER

We are reaching out to all out to all homebound parishioners, (temporary or permanent disability). If you or someone you know are in need of Communion by a Eucharistic Minister or would like a home visit (convalescent home, hospital, skilled nursing facility), please contact Ms. Pat Botshekan at 323-296-4257 or pbotshekan@sbcglobal.net. We want all parishioners to know your church family supports you during these challenging transitions and will respect your privacy.

**Saturday
October 6, 2018
12:30 P.M.**

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Faith, Hope & Charity Catholic Cancer Ministry
invites you to
Encounter God
at the Annual Mass to
**“Pray for a Cure for Cancer &
Anointing of the Sick”**
Bishop Edward Clark
Presider & Homilist

For more information or to sign up to reserve a spot on the bus for the mass contact Vickie Race
[\(310\)259-6430](tel:3102596430) / pray4acure06@gmail.com

**Faith Formation &
Sacrament Preparation begins!!!**
OCTOBER 7th IN THE SCHOOL CONFERENCE CENTER
1st - 8th Grade 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
High School Teens 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Please keep our Catechists and Families in your prayers

Public Square Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 13th
12noon

You are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally in front of St. Bernadette Church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 23,000 rallies that will take place all across The United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.



COFFEE HOUR

September

9th Eric, Debora & Adam Griffin
16th Eric, Debora & Adam Griffin
23rd Eric, Debora & Adam Griffin
30th Eric, Debora & Adam Griffin

October

7th Rachel's Hope
14th
21st
28th

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!

Dungeness Crab Feast

October 13th



5pm - 9pm

\$40/kids 5 - 12 \$25

Advance Orders Only
Place Order by Oct. 6th

Tickets on sale in the hall after 8 & 10am Masses.

Safeguarding The Children Committee

St. Bernadette is looking for 5 volunteers to participate on the Safeguarding the Children Committee. This team meets twice a year to discuss parish responsibilities and planning ways to educate the parish on this important issue. Those who are currently Parents in Child Rearing, Experts who work with community and families (Social Workers, Therapists etc...)or any interested adults from this parish. Please call Mrs. Jackson at 323-293-4877 or email your interest to normajeane@pacbell.net

Did You Know?

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles serves to help victim-survivors who have been victims of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church. The Victims Assistance Ministry also works to create a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward while ensuring that civil authorities are notified, and victims are provided with counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Please join the members of this important ministry in offering our continued prayers and support for the healing of victim-survivors and all impacted by abuse.

**ST BERNADETTE SPECIAL MONTHLY
COLLECTIONS**

1st Weekend: Christian Service collection
3rd Weekend: Debt-Reduction collection