

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.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day traditionally kicks off the 'holiday season' in the United States. The day was set in stone by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 and approved by Congress in 1941. Many Americans consider it just as important as Christmas. In fact, more people in the US celebrate Thanksgiving than they do Christmas. Thanksgiving Day can be traced back to the 1621 celebration at the Plymouth Plantation, where the religious refugees from England known popularly as the Pilgrims invited the local Native Americans to a harvest feast after a particularly successful growing season. The previous year's harvests failed as a result, by the winter of 1620, half of the pilgrims had starved to death. Luckily for the rest, members of the local Wampanoag tribe taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn, beans and squash; catch fish, and collect seafood. It is clear turkey was not on the menu. The three-day feast included goose, lobster, cod and deer.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR THIS YEAR?

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe - November 25, 2018

Next week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Kingship is off-putting in our democratic culture. And, authority has so often become a misuse of power in our times that the idea of ultimate authority can seem strange. What does this feast of Christ the king mean? King and kingdom imply power, authority over other people. There are two ways of moving people to do what we would like them to do: one is to force them to do it whether they want to or not: coercive power; the other is to attract them to do it because of the inherent goodness in doing it: persuasive power. Persuasive power is more difficult and usually takes more time. The kingdom of God is a presence to the world of unbelief. We attempt to be a vibrant model that is persuasively visible and attractive to everyone. The closing feast of the liturgical year addresses our spirituality. So, on this feast of Christ the King, we celebrate his persuasive love. May we look at Jesus and ask ourselves: what part of me still remains "my

kingdom" and private. May we seek the goodness of God and allow the reign of God to thoroughly permeate us.

**INVITE A FRIEND or FAMILY MEMBER TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!
Come Home to St Bernadette**

Last Sunday's Collection.....\$8,718.00	
Intentions for the Week	
Saturday 5:30PM	Brysen Anderson
Sunday 8:00AM 10:00AM	+Vivian Guidry +Stanley Romo +Allan Guidry
Monday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Tuesday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Wednesday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Thursday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners
Friday	NO MASS
November 18th 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	-Daniel 12:1-3(158B)
Psalm	-16:5, 8, 9-10,11
Second Reading	-Hebrews 10:11-14
Gospel	-Mark 13:24-32
November 25th	
First Reading	-Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm	-93:1, 1,2,5
Second Reading	-Rev. 1:5-8
Gospel	-Mark 11:9, 10

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Especially, **those who have lost their lives in the fires.** May they and all who have died be received into Our Lord's heavenly kingdom; and may those grieving the loss of loved ones be consoled and strengthened through faith and prayers.

**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



To Jesus through Mary

Presented by Deacon Mark Race

Presenting at Holy Name of Jesus beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Call 323-791-7564 if you have any questions

Christmas Dinner

Will be held on **Saturday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Please contact Bara King @ 323-252-4984, Lorraine Sampson @ 323-632-0964 or Vickie Race @ 323-293-4877 if you want to volunteer. Donations of wine can be dropped off at the rectory.

Bible Study Sessions

Please join us in studying the Bible and in experiencing the Living Word of God.

Every first and third Thursday of the month in the hall 12:00pm-1:30pm and 7:00pm-8:30pm.

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

ST BERNADETTE SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

1st Weekend: Christian Service collection

3rd Weekend: Debt-Reduction collection



COFFEE HOUR

November

18th Seniors Group

25th Mike Romo

December

2nd

9th Santa's Sweet Shop

16th

23rd

30th Rachel's Hope

To have doughnuts available after mass we need more volunteers from the parish to sponsor them.

Please call the rectory @ 323-293-4877

if you can assist. Thank you for your support!

The hosting group will order and purchase donuts. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of the donuts. Hosting group will take the cost of the donuts from the donated funds and turn in to the Rectory any excess funds. In the event the donated funds are not sufficient to cover the cost, the parish will reimburse the difference.

1. Order Donuts (Yum Yum, Slauson Donuts, etc.) Call in donut order not later than Saturday night. Pick up donuts and set up before 8:00am Mass.
2. Make coffee, provide hot water for tea and hot chocolate, make punch. Set up tray with napkins, sugar, creamer, etc.
3. Hosting group will be available to greet and assist parishioners in selecting their choices of donuts and making parishioners feel welcome.
4. At the end of coffee and donut time, hosting group will clean and put away the coffee pot and punch container. However, if there is punch left over, put contain in small white refrigerator next to the freezer. Clean counters and mop floor area around coffee pot and punch container.
5. Arrange a time to get hall key from the Rectory

**Slauson Donuts: 3451 W. Slauson Ave
323-292-6398**

Yum Yum Donuts: 1976 So. La Cienega Blvd

Did You Know?

Learning all we can about how predators groom children through online contact is key to keeping them safe at all times. Language is a predator's tool for grooming online. One tactic that online predators use to groom a potential victim is by complimenting and reinforcing their self-image as a way of normalizing their interactions. Compliments are used to build trust, desensitize, and mentally or emotionally isolate the potential victim from others. It is important to remember that monitoring the online communication of young people on chats, apps, gaming websites, etc. is key in preventing abuse.