

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.

Are you ready for Advent??? No Really!!!

The World Series is in full swing (pun intended). Seems like Football Season just got started and here we are talking about Christmas already. "Only 9 shopping weekends left!" shouted a recent Facebook post. We are so busy preparing for Christmas we never get to experience Advent. Yes, Advent is something we need to experience; but how. Often, we will hear a friend or co-worker comment "I feel like I missed Christmas." In many cases, it is a matter of momentum. We are so busy "getting ready for Christmas," we fail to "prepare for Christmas." "Getting ready" involves those lists and activities we associate with Christmas: deciding upon and buying gifts (family, children, friends, coworkers, etc.); purchasing and decorating the tree, the house, the lawn, even the dog; planning, prepping and preparing the Christmas meal or meals. Add to that the Christmas baking; scheduling Christmas parties (yours and everyone else's). Then there's the Christmas Cards or Christmas Letters or both. At the end of the (Christmas) Day we find ourselves staring a mountain of dirty dishes; a pile of torn paper and empty boxes; a basket full of unopened Christmas cards and letters; thinking about all the money we spent and wondering why we don't feel "Christmassy". One way to prepare is to ask ourselves each day of Advent: "Is what I am doing today preparing me for the arrival of Jesus in my heart?" The reason we "observe Advent" is to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child...the Savior of the world. If we were in trouble (and we all are spiritually) and we knew someone was coming to save us; wouldn't we want to make sure they could reach us in time. To do this, we must spend some time opening our hearts and minds to Christ. This may mean taking time away from some of "getting ready for Christmas" things.

All Saints' Day Services/Masses November 1, 2018

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died.

8:00 am-Rosary/Mass, 12:00 noon-Mass, 7:00 pm-Mass

Service of Remembrance –

Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 10:00 AM

In the Roman Catholic Church the month of November is the traditional time to visit the graves of loved ones, as is the anniversary of their deaths. Autumn is the season when the earth seems to die, but it is only asleep waiting to return to life in the Spring.

INVITE A FRIEND or FAMILY MEMBER TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Come Home to St Bernadette

Last Sunday's Collection.....\$7,641.00		
Intentions for the Week		
Saturday 5:30PM	Intentions of All Parishioners	
Sunday 8:00AM	+Vivian Guidry	
10:00AM	Mary Flether	
Monday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners	
Tuesday 8:00AM	+Anona Adams	
Wednesday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners	
Thursday 8:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners	
Friday	NO MASS	
October 28th		
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time		
First Reading	-Jeremiah 31:7-9(149B)	
Psalm	-126:1-2, 2-3,4-5,6	
Second Reading	-Hebrews 5:1-6	
Gospel	-Mark 10:46-52	
October 28th		
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time		
First Reading	-Deuteronomy 6:2-6(152B)	
Psalm	-18:2-3, 3-4,47,51	
Second Reading	-Hebrews 7:23-28	
Gospel	-Mark 12:28b-34	

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

especially, **PATRICIA BRANDON**, the long time parishioner of our parish. May she 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.

Christmas Dinner Committee Meeting

The 2018 Christmas Dinner Committee will host their first meeting for volunteers on Sunday, November 4, immediately following the 10:00 Mass. Volunteers are needed to assist with decorations, donations, silent auction, ticket sales, logistics, etc. The dinner itself 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.

SOULFUL BRUCH

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #162 invite you to join us in Celebrating National Blacks Catholics Month. On November 11th in the parish hall at 10am-12:30pm Tickets are \$20 per person, and are on sale after the 8 & 10am Mass in the hall. For more information please see flyers located at all exits.

LOS ANGELES

Celebrate Respect Life Month!

“Pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“Another Look at Abortion”



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

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



October

28th Patrice Hazure-Spencer & Zivia Sweeney

November

4th

11th Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Soulful Brunch

18th

25th

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

310-836-6061

Did You Know?

Parents are in a unique position to know about not only their own children, but their children's friends. If you are a trusted parent, your child's friend may come to you with secrets. What do you do if a child tells you about abuse? As an adult, it's critical that you remain calm, and don't overreact. Child victims are often frightened and confused, and your confusion and anger does not help their situation. Your concern and support, however, will affirm the child in important ways and can help begin the healing process for a child victim who has suffered at the hands of a predator. To learn more about steps to take if a child tells you about abuse, email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

ST BERNADETTE SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

1st Weekend: Christian Service collection

3rd Weekend: Debt-Reduction collection