

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.

Advent has a twofold character:

- 1) It is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered;
- 2) It is a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Therefore, Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39]. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but it is important we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.

Advent is a season which recalls the Two Comings of Christ.

What Liturgical Colors are Used During Advent?

Certain days and certain types of celebrations can have their own colors (e.g., red for martyrs, white at baptisms & funerals), but the normal color for Advent is violet. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides: **The color violet or purple is used in Advent** and Lent. In many places, there is a notable exception for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday: **The color rose may be used, where it is the practice, on *Gaudete* Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)** and on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent).

Is Advent a Penitential Season?

We often think of Advent as a penitential season because the liturgical color for Advent is violet, like the color of Lent, which is a penitential season. Advent is not a penitential season. According to the Code of Canon Law: ***“The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.”*** Although local authorities can establish additional penitential days, this is a complete listing of the penitential days and times of the Latin Church, and Advent is not one of them.

Stay Tuned for more Advent-ageous information next week.

Need a tax credit?

The end of the year is a good time to make a substantive gift to your parish.

INVITE A FRIEND or FAMILY MEMBER TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Come Home to St Bernadette

Last Sunday’s Collection.....\$7,230.00		
Intentions for the Week		
Saturday	5:30PM	+Anona “Cookie” Adams
Sunday	8:00AM 10:00AM	Intentions of All Parishioners +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	+Anona Rita Adams
Friday		NO MASS
November 25th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
First Reading		-Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm		-93:1, 1,2, 5
Second Reading		-Rev. 1:5-8
Gospel		-Mark 11:9, 10
December 2nd First Sunday of Advent		
First Reading		-Jer. 33:14-16
Psalm		-25:4-5,8-9,10,14
Second Reading		-1 Thes. 3:12-4:2
Gospel		-Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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.

**CHILDREN CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
MASS**

Children 3 years and older to sing for Christmas Eve. 5:30 pm. Mass. Please see Mr. or Mrs. Jackson for a CD and rehearsal dates. 323-791-7564 rejoicingvoices@gmail.com

LOS ANGELES

Christmas Dinner

Will be held **NEXT 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

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

ST BERNADETTE SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

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



COFFEE HOUR

November

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
310-836-6061**

Did You Know?

Hotel safety tips for the holiday season.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are popular travel times, as people gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. For many people, that means trading in the routines and established safety practices of home for time spent in a hotel. If you and your children are staying in a hotel, take a few minutes to go over the escape route in the event of a fire or emergency. Show your children how to dial out from the room—to call 911. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article “Family Travel and Vacation Safety (Are We There Yet?)” visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

