

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

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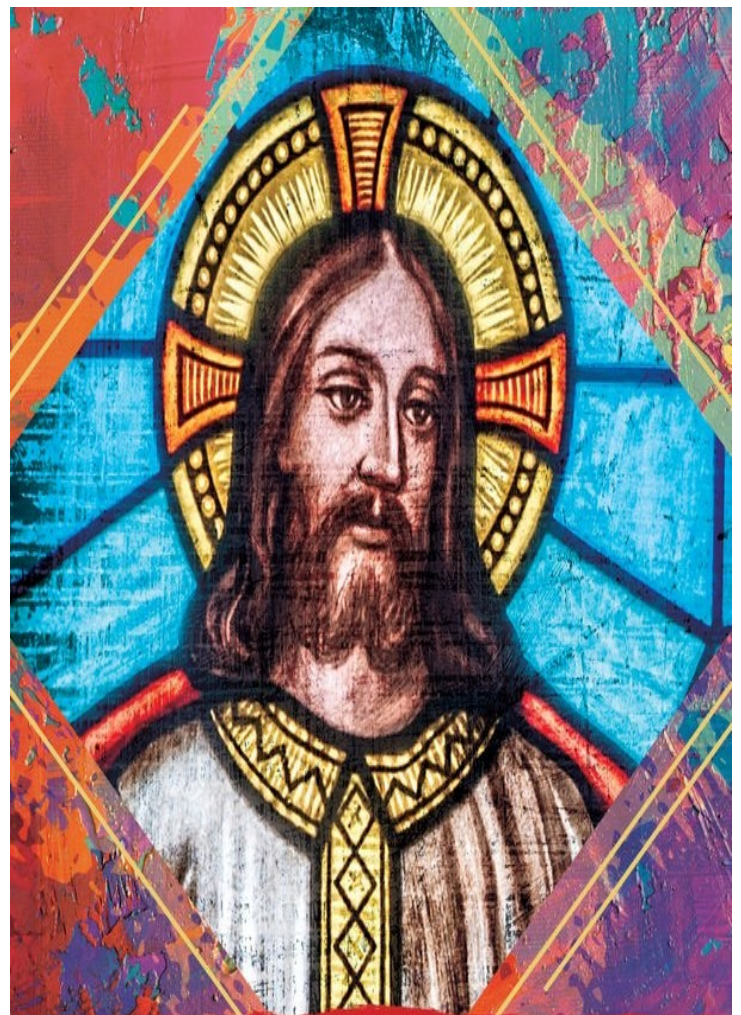
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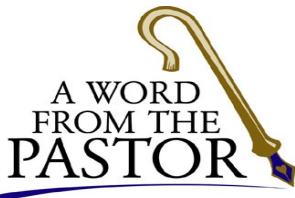
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

- Lk 12:50



Are you curious as to what the pastor will be doing on sabbatical? So am I. In this, my last article for a while, I'll tell you what I know.

There will be fifteen of us – 3 priests, a retired bishop, and 11 sisters, averaging 65 years of age. We are from many countries – only 4 Americans. We are staying at the Pat Guidon Center on the campus of the Oblate School of Theology, only 3.4 miles from the airport, on the north end of San

Antonio.

Each of us has a room with a bathroom, recliner, desk, and bookcase. We have a dining room where mid-day and evening meals are provided.

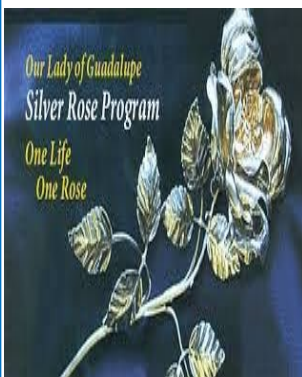
Sabbatical sessions are on M-W-F mornings. We can sign up for classes offered on weekday afternoons and evenings (I'm considering a class on Spirituality with Fr Ronald Rolheiser). There are also other continuing education events – lectures, workshops, and symposia. The schedule is not yet posted, so I'm not sure what is offered.

We have a mid-term break (Oct 6-7 / Mon-Tuesday) and Thanksgiving (Nov 27-Dec 1 / Thurs-Monday). I'm quite confident, I will not try to get a flight back or go deer hunting. We have closing dinner on Dec 5 (Fri) and I'll be driving back beginning on Saturday, Dec 6. Perhaps I'll make it for the Holy Day, but I kind of doubt it.

I know 3 San Antonio priests from my involvement with Jesus Caritas over the years, and two of them assure me we'll find time to get together. Also, a retired Erie priest, Msgr. (Col.) Jim Sanner, USAF retired, lives in the area. I saw him this June at Emmaus. And, one of our parishioners said she'll be in San Antonio this fall – so that will keep me somewhat connected.

I'm sure I'll have plenty of stories to tell when I get back before Christmas. Meanwhile, know that you're in my prayers.

Fr John



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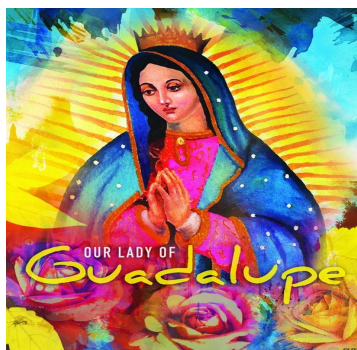
invite you to join us Friday, August 22nd at 11:15 am in the Divine Mercy Chapel to view and photograph the rose and pray the rosary. 12:10 Mass will follow as the Silver Rose Pilgrimage, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #403 visits St. Bernard

Parish.

Each year, eight Silver Roses, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and a Positive Pro-Life Culture, visit every Province and State in Canada, the US and Mexico. Prayers are offered at each Parish to create and encourage Life from Conception to Natural Death.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the only known image of Mary as an expectant Mother.

**Come
and
Pray
for
Life!**



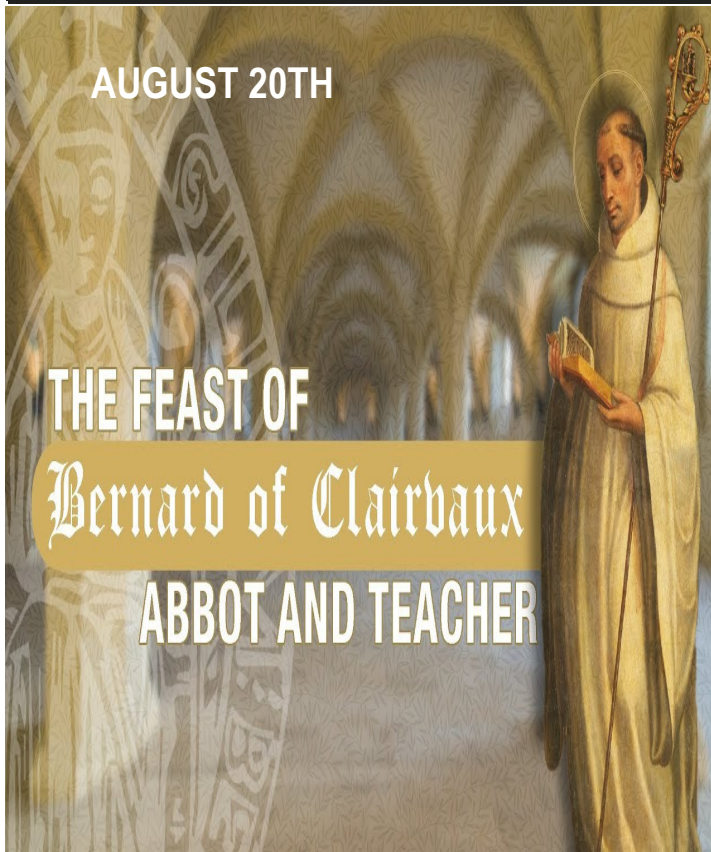
COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



"We cannot pray to God as 'Father' and then be harsh and insensitive towards others. Instead, it is important to let ourselves be transformed by his goodness, his patience, his mercy, so that his face may be reflected in ours as in a mirror." Pope Leo XIV

FRIDAY HOURS—for the remainder of August and all of September the office will be closing at 3 pm on **FRIDAYS ONLY.**



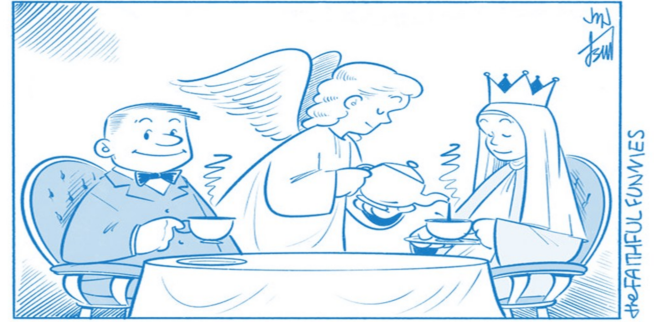
AUGUST 20TH

THE FEAST OF Bernard of Clairvaux ABBOT AND TEACHER

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 20 August 1153) was a prominent French abbot and theologian in the 12th century. He played a significant role in the Cistercian reform movement, leading the establishment of numerous monasteries, including the Abbey of Clairvaux. Bernard's teachings and writings emphasized the importance of love and devotion to God, earning him the title "Doctor of the Church." He also became an influential figure in the Second Crusade, using his preaching to encourage participation in the holy war. Saint Bernard's deep spirituality and piety had a lasting impact on the Church and the development of Christian theology. His feast day is celebrated on August 20th, and he is venerated as a patron saint of the Cistercian Order and the Knights Templar.

On **Saturday, August 23rd in Gallina Hall, following the 4 pm Mass** we will be observing the **Patronal Feast of St. Bernard** and taking the opportunity to celebrate and welcome back our REP students and staff as they begin a new Religious Education year. **PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of desserts for the Feast Day dinner. If you would like to share your baking or other culinary talents, dessert dishes are most welcome. All other food and beverages will be provided.**

"What kind of tea do you drink with Mary?"



"Royal Tea!"



August 22 is the feast of the "Queenship of Mary," a day we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven!

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Pastoral Council Report On August 5th, President Craig Cuthbertson gathered with Doug Kuntz, Bill Leven, Harry Solarek, Dan Lang, Mike Kozminski, Kim Ditz, Fr Ed Walk, and Fr John Jacquel (Jeff Hilzinger, Karen McClain, Kim VanHorn, and Joan Yohe were excused) to discuss the following: The progress of brick pointing bids for St Bernard's, as well as ambry, baptismal font, and vestibule door. St Francis Church heating system needs some repairs, so we need to address this – there are delays in progressing toward decommissioning. Adult Ed opportunities are forthcoming. The cemetery columbarium is complete, but a meeting to resolve financial responsibilities for costs sparked new resolutions. Religious Ed packets are available, and our program fully conforms to Diocesan Child Protection. Cindy Greek is gearing up as she takes on this leadership. The overnight Eucharistic adoration was quite successful and we want to support Camp Turner (a Buffalo initiative at Allegany St Park). We seem ready for pastor's departure for sabbatical (Aug-Dec). The Finance Council reported recovering much of what was drawn out of our investment account for the church renovations due to good market returns. No real issue with regular finances, except Catholic Services Appeal will be short by over \$20,000, lacking a successful appeal at year's end. Harry Solarek and Francie Long are preparing to organize an "in-house" parish pictorial directory, taking family portraits around the weekend Mass schedule. The Feast Day (Sat, Aug 23) is coming together – we may ask for dessert donations. We discussed the tripping hazard from vestibule to nave in the church, and Pastoral Council elections are upcoming for four positions - those held by Craig Cuthbertson, Kim Ditz, Kim VanHorn, and Dan Manion. Nominations will occur in November with elections in December. Next meeting of Pastoral Council is scheduled Tuesday, October 28th, 6 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Summer break until September

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, September 9th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 24th @ 11 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm

Finance Council: Wednesday, September 17th @ 4:30pm

SF 50+ Club: Summer break

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: TBA

PARISH DIRECTORY COMMITTEE—with the talents of Francie Long of Long Art Photography and other local resources, we are looking to form a committee of parishioners to organize and create a Parish Picture Directory in 2026. This will be the first parish directory created since the consolidation of our parishes back into one. And we plan to do everything locally. Please contact the parish office by September 2nd if you are interested to help with this exciting project!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to the Apostles during Pentecost?

Answer: Tongues of fire.

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**The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus**
www.koc403.com

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on September 9th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

Give Your Loved Ones the gift of Engagement Encounter

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie **February 6-8, 2026**. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or visit <https://www.eriecnd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more details and to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Through the generosity of donors to the **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania**, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish is a designated beneficiary of the James "J.E." O'Mara Memorial Endowment and the Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment which are held at the Foundation. We recently received a grant from this endowment to support our organization. The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is an independent 501 © (3) corporation and the only community foundation in Northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values and investment principles. The Foundation inspires and unites Catholics in supporting the long term needs of their faith community and creating a Catholic legacy. To learn more about the Catholic Foundation, go to their website at MyCatholicFoundation.org.

MARRIAGE MOMENT "Though I command languages both human and angelic – if I speak without love, I am no more than a booming gong." (1 Corinthians 13:1) In other words, love is about more than pretty words. Say it with service or selflessness today.

PARENTING POINTERS "His mother pondered all these things in her heart." (Luke 2:51) You don't have to be a mother to watch and ponder your child's progress and set backs. Silently watch your child(ren) today and marvel at the ups & downs of their lives.



The St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club is compiling a history of the Bradford Catholic Community from the 1860's, when a priest traveled on horseback to say Masses throughout the area, to the present day. If you

would like to share your stories or historical accounts, please provide your information below, tear it off, and drop in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. A Catholic Women's Club member will contact you! Thank you.

Yes, I have information I'd like to share.

Your Name

Phone #

Email



We have a number of left over school desks free for the asking. If interested in one (or more) desk call the parish office. Must pick-up, no deliveries.



QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Question:

AUGUST 22ND

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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MASS CARDS—If you need a Mass card please stop in between 12 and 4 pm. (3 pm on Fridays) Mornings at the Parish Office, especially Mondays, are our busy times. We appreciate your patience!



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Richard Cavallero



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Sept. 7 & Sept. 28.

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Sept. 14 & Oct. 5

(Full schedule in packets.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Today, Jesus warns us that His Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society that promotes individualism and consumerism, parents must steadfastly teach and embody the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

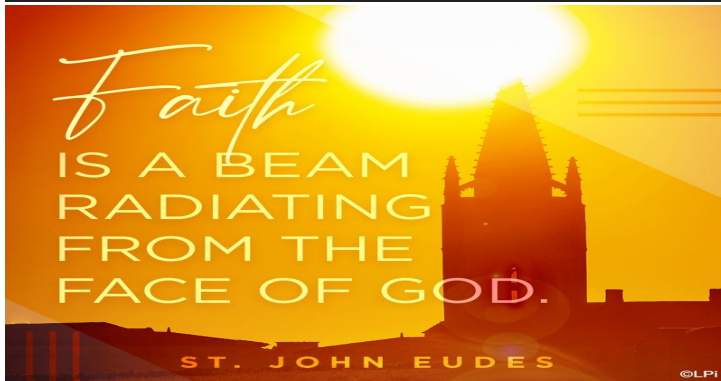
August 10.....\$ 7,567

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 55,313

Remember: checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm before

4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday from

4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.

Private appointments may be made by calling the **Parish Office 362-6825**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

REP Coordinator: Cindy Greek

Students not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic Community Religious Education program is Grades 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation). Please call the parish office for more information.

REP NEWS! Registration packets for the 2025-2026 year are available in the back of the church, the parish office and online at www.stbernardcatholic.org. Signed forms and payment may be turned in to the office or the offertory baskets. Please return paperwork **before** the first class begins. For those who turn in the paperwork at the Feast Day dinner on August 23, after 4pm mass, a small token of appreciation will be given.



BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

MEMBERSHIP: All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

MARRIAGE: Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding*. Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **RCIA** process begins in the fall of the year. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

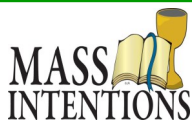
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Craig Cuthbertson
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF AUGUST 18TH—AUGUST 24TH. All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Monday, August 18th

SBC 8:00 am Judy Mongillo (Jim & Gigi Carroll)
SBC 9:00 am Jack Colosimo (Dick & Patty Colosimo)

Tuesday, August 19th

SBC 9:00 am Magnella Family (Pehonsky Family)

Wednesday, August 20th

SBC 8:00 am Michael Newhouse (Tom & Mary O'Connell)
SB 5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of St.
FEAST DAY Bernard

Thursday, August 21st

SBC 8:00 am Mark Cunningham (Cheryl McPherson)
SBC 9:00 am Beverly Judson White (Barbara Munn Smith)

Friday, August 22nd

SBC 11:15 am Silver Rose Service & Rosary
SBC 12:10 pm George Kriz (Elnora Morgan & Family)

Saturday, August 23rd

SBC 9:00 am Anne Taylor Babasick (Family)
SB 4:00 pm Carmen & Elvira Pascarella (Family)

Dinner in Gallina Hall After Mass

Sunday, August 24th

SB 8:00 am Vivian Bottorf (d) (Cindy Greek)
SB 10:00 am Marian B. Freaney (Richard & Ann Cavallero)
SB 11:30 am Julia Hayes (Family)

Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.



AUGUST 23RD, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: Dick Williams **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Chris Pehonsky

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

AUGUST 24TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Martha Torrey

EM: Dave White **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Gloria Scarano

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Sue Lee

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.



Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30