

Why do we do that?!

Every time we enter the Church, we all dip our fingers in the Holy Water font near the doors and make the Sign of the Cross. WHY?

Our source of entry into the Church of God was by passing through the waters at Baptism. As we bless ourselves with Holy Water coming into the Church, we are reminding ourselves of the gift of our Baptism where we received new life in Christ. These few drops of Holy Water refresh that life as we touch them to ourselves. If we bless ourselves with contrite hearts (feeling remorse or penitence) and ask God for His mercy, the Holy Water can wash us from our venial sins.

"By this Holy Water and by Your Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord."

The MASS Explained #3

Now that we've entered the church and reminded ourselves of the gift of our Baptism, we are ready to enter the pews for worship. To honor the true presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle, we genuflect (touch our right knee to the floor) or bow deeply in a spirit of prayer and as a sign of adoration of the Lord. Since the focus is on the altar, you will notice that at other times during the Mass, the priest and ministers bow as they cross the sanctuary.

The Introductory Rite - Part 1

Setting the tone and theme of the Mass, the Introductory Rite unifies the diverse members of the faithful into ONE community of faith. Here is where we are prepared for worship and invited to enter into the mystery of the liturgy.

- **Entrance Procession:**
The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession as the congregation sings an opening hymn or the entrance antiphon is recited.
- **Veneration of the Altar:**
The priest kisses the altar, a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly, as a sign of reverence/veneration.
- **Sign of the Cross:**
The Mass begins by all making the Sign of the Cross which is both a true blessing from God and a true commitment from us to follow the Lord. The celebrant extends a greeting to the people in words taken from Scripture. (St. Paul's epistles in the beginning.)

To be continued...

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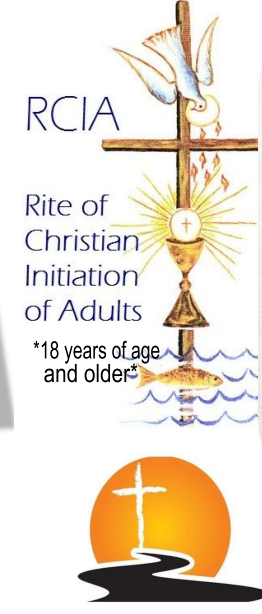
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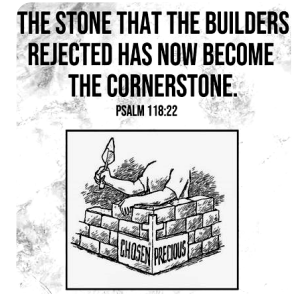
Are you desiring to become Catholic and participate in the Sacraments instituted by Christ?

Already baptized Catholic but have not completed all the Sacraments for initiation? Would you just like to know more about the Sacraments?

Call the office this week to begin your **FAITH JOURNEY**

This week's quote on the Holy Eucharist

"Like Mary, let us be full of zeal to go in haste to give Jesus to others. She was full of grace when, at the annunciation, she received Jesus. Like her, we too become full of grace every time we receive Holy Communion. It is the same Jesus whom she received and whom we receive at Mass. As soon as we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, let us go in haste to make Jesus present in the world today."
~ St. Mother Teresa



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St. Bernadette Youth Conference

FAITH FORMATION

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares himself to a good shepherd who knows and cares for his sheep. This image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the oldest images of Jesus in Christian art. The Good Shepherd cares for the world and its people which are His greatest gifts of Creation.

Talk with your family about how your family is already caring for each other as well as other people and the world we live in. Talk, too, about ways your family can do better, especially ways that would improve our church family here at St. Bernadette. How can you and your family contribute to St. Bernadette Parish regularly in order for our parish to continue growing in faith?

Our last Faith Formation class is next Wednesday, April 24th. This is not, however, an ending or pause of our Catholic obligations to continue to participate and grow in faith until next school year. In order to really establish and keep a strong relationship with Christ, we must remain active in our Faith Formation Family so that we can continue to build our parish community.

My prayer, along with all of our Faith Formation Volunteer Leaders, is that we continue seeing you all

each weekend as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I've been told many times by our parishioners that they feel great joy when our youth participate at church — greeting and assisting at the doors, ushering, altar serving, reading, singing with the choir, presenting the precious gifts to the altar, handing out the sermon, passing out bulletins, etc. They are the future of God's Church. The children have expressed that they LOVE to do these things, they just need family support. That is exactly what we are here for — to support you in any way. Know that when you register your child for Faith Formation classes, you are registering your entire family. We are here to help you raise your children in faith. There are so many obstacles in life. Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help you and your family fulfill our Catholic obligations. What can we do to increase the practice of faith at home to include praying together, reading the Bible together, talking about faith, and, most importantly, participating in Sunday Mass? God Bless! BW, DRE



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 23rd

12:10 pm
 †Luke Guillot †Danny Peterson
 †John Ourso †Paul Sheehan
 †Emily Lantz.

Wednesday, April 24th

12:10 pm
 †Luke Guillot.

Thursday, April 25th

12:10 pm
 †Luke Guillot †John Ourso
 †Danny Peterson .

Friday, April 26th

12:10 pm
 †Luke Guillot.



Orry Arcemont, Jonathan Delatte, Chris Hardy, Nick Gardemal, Matt Bosworth, Cameron Campos, Matthew S. Landry, Luke Zweigle, Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von Buelow, Bart Von Buelow, Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer Hebert, Jonathan Jenson, Logan Gros, Camron Case, Liam Guillotte, Elise Buonopane.

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"First, you are called of God. The Lord knows you. He knows whom He would have serve in every position in His Church. He chose you."

☞
 If you have an opportunity to serve in a church, do it.
 Use your talents wherever there is a need.
 If you're asked to do something and you're scared, do it anyway.
 GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF YOU A GIFT FROM HIS GREAT VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS. USE THEM WELL TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER. 1 PETER 4:10

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday April 27	4:00 pm	Becky Wiggins	Becky Wiggins	Judy Brannon	Luke Parker D Logan
Sunday April 28	7:30 am	John Trevino	Michelle Tholen	----	Ethan
	10:30 am	Patty Hotard	Cindy Viola	Katherine Sharp	Koen Parker L Elijah

Saturday, April 27th

Vigil 4:00 pm
 †Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
 †Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 6211
 †Jerri Guillot †Gene Bosworth †Luke Guillot †NJ Hebert
 †Trey Smith †Yvonne Anne Adams †Jimmie Aloisio
 †Peggy & Albert Hebert †Raymond LaHoste, Sr
 †Ray LaHoste, Jr. †Russel Verret †Murphey L. LeBlanc
 †Miranda L. Pennison †Kim Ordogne †Curtis & Althea Verret
 †Zip Deroche †Mary Bernard Blanchard
 †Charleen Melancon †Fr. Bill Rogalla †Eddie Knope, Jr.
 †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families
 †Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 am
 †Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
 †Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 6211
 †Lynette Meranta †Luke Guillot †Maria Trevino
 †Lydia Guidry Michel †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr.

10:30 am

†Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
 †Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 6211
 †Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Carlo Strega, Sr
 †Roberta Justilian †Thomas Rivet, Jr. †Thomas Rivet III
 †Thomas Rivet IV †Barrett Cart †Rodney Frederick
 †Etienne, Edith, & Merlin Gros †Frank & Anaise Rachal
 †Scholler & McGinnis Families-Living & Deceased.

please pray for...
 Kenny Guillot, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Christie Mayea, James Bergeron, Logan Fromenthal, Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Lisa Rausch, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Rosa Rosaro, Mary Brown Black, Chylles Boyd, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Brooke Rhodes, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Ruby Pellerin, Jean

Can't Sleep?

Instead of counting sheep,
 How about
Talking to the Good Shepherd?

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep."
 - Jesus Christ

Who is your Shepherd?

The TV is my shepherd, I shall not want. It makes me lie down on the sofa. It leads me away from the Faith. It destroys my soul. It leads me to the path of sex and violence for the advertiser's sake. Even though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibilities, there will be no interruption, for the TV is with me. Its cable and remote control, they comfort me. It prepares a commercial for me in the midst of my worldliness and anoints my head with secular humanism and consumerism. My covetousness runs over; Surely ignorance and laziness shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in the house of wretchedness watching TV forever.
 (Broadcast on [EWTN](#) on March 18, 2002).



Following the Shepherd or Hireling?

An atheistic journalist on one occasion was visiting a leprosarium run by a group of religious sisters. When he entered a certain ward, he noticed a sister moving from one patient to another, cheerfully attending to each one with a nurturing love that was absolutely admirable. Unable to restrain his curiosity, he walked up to the religious and said, "Sister, I wouldn't do this job even if you gave me a million dollars." The sister smiled and replied, "Neither would I my friend," and with that she continued tending to her patients.

The journalist was absolutely dumbfounded. Then and there, he rejected his atheism. To quote his very own words, "A God who can inspire a human being to such dedicated and selfless service, in such revolting circumstances and with such good cheer cannot but be true. I believe in God." Such is the radical difference between a Good Shepherd and a hireling. One does his work because he wants to, the other does it because he has to; one has his heart in it, the other does not.



Bible Quiz # 35
 The Book of Genesis
 Chapters 22-26

TIME FOR ANSWERS

1. What was the answer by Abraham to a question by Isaac 'where is the sheep for the holocaust'? – **God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust (22:8).**
2. Where did Sarah die? – **Kiriatharba – Hebron (23:2).**
3. From whom did Abraham buy the land to bury his wife? – **Field of Machpelah in the land of Canaan (23:19).**
4. Who was Rebekah in Abraham's blood relation? – **Abraham's brother Nahor's granddaughter (24:15).**
5. Where did the servant find Rebekah? **In the spring.**
6. Who allowed Abraham's servant to take Rebekah as wife of Isaac? - **Laban, brother of Rebekah (24:51).**
7. How old Abraham was when he died? – **175 years(25:7)**
8. What was the lie Isaac told about his wife to Abimelech? – **Rebekah was his sister (26: 9).**
9. What was the place where a kind of peace accord was made between Isaac and Abimelech? – **Beersheba.**
10. What is Septuagint? (Refer bulletin dated January 28). – **It is the oldest surviving Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, traditionally believed to have been written by 72 Jewish scholars sometime during the 3rd B.C. Since Greek was the common language of the Roman Empire, the Septuagint was popular among Jews living under Roman rule.**

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