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Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

**Saturday Masses/
Misa del Sábado**
5:30 pm
**Sunday Masses /
Misas del Domingo**
9:30 am
11:30 am (Spanish / Español)
Confessions:
Saturday / Sábado
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

WE SHARE



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APPLE PAY



**August 22, 2021
Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

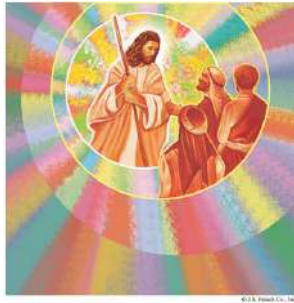
CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

Today's Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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**22 de agosto de 2021
Vigésimo Primer Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario**

A veces en la vida, nos encontramos en una encrucijada, enfrentados a una elección existencial que alterará el curso de nuestra vida. En esos momentos estamos conscientes de la importancia de nuestra elección y de que ya no hay vuelta atrás.

Tanto en la primera lectura como en el Evangelio vemos que esos momentos llaman a la gente a tomar esas decisiones. ¿A qué dios seguirán los israelitas? Josué, su líder después de

Moisés, sabe que la zona de la Tierra Prometida está ocupada por otros pueblos, con otros dioses. Tal vez recordando cómo, después de que Moisés subiera al monte Sinaí, los israelitas levantaron un becerro de oro para adorarlo, Josué se preocupa de que puedan ser de nuevo susceptibles a tales atracciones. Les pide un compromiso, y proclama: "En cuanto a mí y a mi casa, serviremos a Yahveh".

¿PODEMOS QUEDARNOS CON JESÚS?

La gente que seguía frenéticamente a Jesús, cruzando el lago dos veces para perseguirlo, comiendo el pan que él les proporcionó milagrosamente, ahora está desconcertada porque Jesús se proclama a sí mismo como "el pan de vida", y se muestran incrédulos. No pueden ir más lejos con él y se alejan poco a poco. Sin embargo, los Doce se quedan con Jesús. ¿Qué otra cosa ellos podrían hacer? ¿Quién más ofrece una visión tan profunda de la vida humana? Pedro lo expresa bien: "Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna".

No todas las encrucijadas de nuestra vida implican nuestra fe, pero algunas sí. Tal vez haya alguien en su parroquia que eligió hacerse católico y ahora está alejado de su familia; alguien que no está contento con un nuevo párroco y se pregunta sobre la posibilidad de buscar una parroquia diferente; alguien que estuvo especialmente angustiado por los abusos sexuales del clero y rezó mucho antes de decidir que necesitaba a su parroquia para superarlo. Es posible que haya muchos en tu parroquia que se enfrentan a este tipo de decisiones, y necesitan nuestro apoyo y nuestras oraciones. Mientras tanto, podemos esperar que algún día vuelvan a experimentar a Jesús como el Santo de Dios, ofreciéndoles palabras de vida eterna.

Lecturas de hoy: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Ef 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

—Joshua 24:15b

Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En cuanto a mí toca, mi familia y yo serviremos al Señor.

—Josué 24:15b



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow – a day at a time

Sunday, Aug 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who do you serve?

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt “a presence in the room that couldn’t have been anybody but Jesus.” For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as “God-awful gospel,” and fans mourned the loss of what they’d come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: “Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody.” The choice remains ours.

TODAY’S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122). “If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve.”

Monday, Aug 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Family finesse

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it’s part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn’t force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). “One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God.”

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Play a stirring role

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in Go and Make Disciples, Jesus “gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate.” Where can you stir interest in Jesus today?

TODAY’S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629).

“Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021

The past is present

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago, can still perpetuate evil. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have repeatedly called “an evil which endures in our society and in our Church” (and Sisters to Us).

Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject profiting from the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long—for the sake of our past, present, and future.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). “You are like whitewashed tombs.”

Thursday, Aug 26, 2021

Be alert!

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today’s gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come.” The of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually in regard to “awakening faith.” The church wants its members to be vigilant and tells us in the catechism that the “Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!”

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God’s presence today.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Stay awake!’”

Friday, Aug 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Hang in there

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we’re told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered “small” acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). “Stay awake.”

Saturday, Aug 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let happiness be your song

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. “Happy is [the one] who has God,” he succinctly put it. To “have” God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: “For me it is good to cling to God.” Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song “Happy” a few years back, “Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth.”

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). “You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.”

St. Bernard's Food Bank

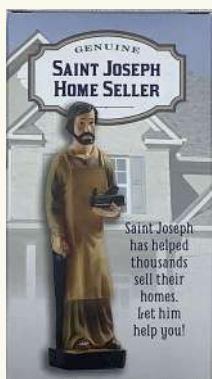
The Church of St. Bernard will be distributing meat, dairy, fruit and vegetable products at the main entrance of St. Bernard Community Center. This will be on a first come first serve basis on Thursday, August 26th at 4:00pm.

Volunteers Needed

The Church of St. Bernard needs help of at least 5 volunteers to assist us with the distribution of food from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. If you are able to help, please make sign up by visiting our parish website and clicking on the **GREEN** Sign-Up Genius button.



Gift Shop Item of the Week



St. Joseph is the patron saint of families, carpenters, working people, as well as protector of homes. "The Saint Saint Joseph Home Seller has helped thousands sell their homes, let him help you!"

The St. Bernard Gift Shop is open in person and online. Items can be ordered at <https://stbernardsgiftshop.square.site> or by clicking our online button in our home parish. webpage.

Renew + Rebuild

Total Amount Pledged: \$707,012

Total Amount in Payments: \$341,236

We hope that all of our parishioners will make every effort to complete their pledges so that we are able to accomplish our parish project. Thank you very much.

Registration of New Parishioners

The Church of St. Bernard extends a warm welcome to those who have recently started worshipping the Lord with us. Often people attend Mass at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register. Registering at St. Bernard's Church is the expression of your commitment to being part of our parish family. Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it is time for receiving sacraments, registering for religious education, sponsoring a sacrament recipient and even planning funerals. New parishioners are welcome to register at the Rectory during office hours, Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Interested in Becoming Catholic or Completing your Initiation into the Catholic Church?

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or who is already a baptized Catholic and would like to receive First Holy Communion and or Confirmation please let them know about our RCIA program for adults. For more information contact the Rectory at 914-94-2111.



Healing After Abortion



Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Remember the Church of St. Bernard in Your Will

Remember the Church of St. Bernard in your will. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include St. Bernard in your will or living trust, call (646) 7943317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org

Banco de alimentos de San Bernardo

La Iglesia de San Bernardo distribuirá productos lácteos, frutas y verduras en la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de San Bernardo. Esto será por orden de llegada el jueves 26 de agosto a las 4:00 pm.

Necesitamos Voluntarios

La iglesia de San Bernardo necesita la ayuda de al menos 5 voluntarios para la distribución de alimentos de 3:00pm a 5:00pm. Si puede ayudarnos, regístrese visitando el sitio web de nuestra parroquia y haciendo clic en el botón **VERDE** Sign-Up Genius.



Artículo de la semana de la tienda de regalos



San José es el santo patrón de las familias, carpinteros, trabajadores y protector de los hogares. "El vendedor de viviendas de San Jose ha ayudado a miles de personas a vender sus casas, ¡deje que le ayude!"

Por favor visite
la Tienda de regalos de
San Bernardo
para otros artículos religiosos.

Renovar + Reconstruir

Monto total comprometido: \$ 707,012

Monto total en pagos: \$ 341,236

Esperamos que todos nuestros feligreses puedan completar sus promesas para que podamos lograr nuestro proyecto parroquial. Muchas gracias.

Registro de nuevos feligreses

La Iglesia de San Bernardo da una cálida bienvenida a aquellos que recientemente han comenzado a adorar al Señor con nosotros. A menudo, las personas asisten a misa en una parroquia durante meses o, a veces, años, pero nunca se registran oficialmente. Registrarse en la Iglesia de San Bernardo es la expresión de su compromiso de ser parte de nuestra familia parroquial. Ser un feligrés registrado también hace que el proceso sea mucho más simple cuando es el momento de recibir los sacramentos, registrarse para educación religiosa, ser padrino e incluso planificar los funerales. Los nuevos feligreses pueden registrarse en la Rectoría durante el horario de oficina, de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

¿Está interesado en convertirse en católico o completar su iniciación en la iglesia católica?

Si conoce a alguien que esté interesado en convertirse en católico o que ya sea católico bautizado y le gustaría recibir la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación, infórmelo sobre nuestro programa RCIA para adultos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese a la Rectoría al 914-94-2111.

Curación después del aborto

¿Conoce a alguien que esté cargando con el dolor de un aborto pasado? Siempre hay esperanza. El dolor y la tristeza del aborto no tienen por qué durar toda la vida. Un "Día de oración y sanación" ofrece la oportunidad de experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Dios y responder a su invitación de comenzar el viaje de curación de la herida del aborto. Para las próximas fechas, ubicaciones e inscripción confidencial, o simplemente para hablar con una Hermana, llame a las Hermanas de la Vida al (866) -575-0075 (línea gratuita) o por correo electrónico a hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Recuerde a la Iglesia de San Bernardo en su testamento

Recuerde a la Iglesia de San Bernardo en su testamento. Si desea hablar con un especialista en planificación de donaciones sobre cómo incluir a San Bernardo en su testamento o fideicomiso en vida, llame al (646) 7943317 o envíe un correo electrónico a planninggiving@archny.org



Saturday, August 21, 2021
 5:30 Manuel Munoz & Victoria Lopez

Sunday, August 22, 2021
 9:30 Melinda Morris
 11:30 Hilda Aucar

Wednesday, August 25 2021
 9:00 Manuel Munoz & Victoria Lopez

Thursday, August 26, 2021
 9:00 Manuel Pinto (Living)

Friday, August 27, 2021
 9:00 Gonzalo Ramos Marin (Living)

Saturday, August 28, 2021
 5:30 Rosa Salinas

Sunday, August 29, 2021
 9:30 Anne Jeanette Miano
 11:30 Francisco Montalvo

**Prayer for the Sick /
 Oración para los Enfermos**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and those who serve them. /
Recemos por todas las personas de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran enfermas.

William Fargelli **Jerrie Duffy**
Jennie Magnotta **Elie Rodriguez**
Vicky Rebatta **Emma Silva**



Sunday's Collection:

Today's Second Collection is for Air Conditioning. Next week's Second Collection will be for Utilities. Thank you for your generous support to our parish. La Segunda Colecta de hoy será para el Aire Acondicionado. La Segunda Colecta de la próxima semana sera para las Utilidades. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a nuestra parroquia.



**Support the
 Church of St. Bernard
 Electronically
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Weekly Collections

1st Collection -	
Parish Envelopes & Cash:	\$2,191
WeShare Electronic Donations:	\$1,237
QR Codes Electronic Donations:	\$21
1st Collection Total:	<u>\$3,449</u>
2nd Collection -	
Parish Envelopes & Cash:	\$1,218
WeShare Electronic Donations:	\$26
QR Codes Electronic Donations:	\$ 10
2nd Collection Total:	<u>\$1,254</u>

Reserving Announced Masses

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectory 914-949-2111. Mass offering is \$15. Reservando Misas Anunciadas. / Para solicitar una Misa para un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, por favor comuníquese con la Rectoría al 914-949-2111. El ofrecimiento para la misa es \$15.

COLLECTION OFFERING DONACIÓN PARA LA COLECTA

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- Open the Camera app
- Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the **QR code** appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app.
- Once a message select **it**.
- Click on make donation
- Choose Recurring or one-time donation
- Enter your Credit Card or Checking account information

Regular

Regular

Create a Recurring Donation

Select this option to set up a weekly, monthly, or other recurring donation.

Recurring Donation →

Make a One-Time Donation

Select this option to make a one-time donation today.

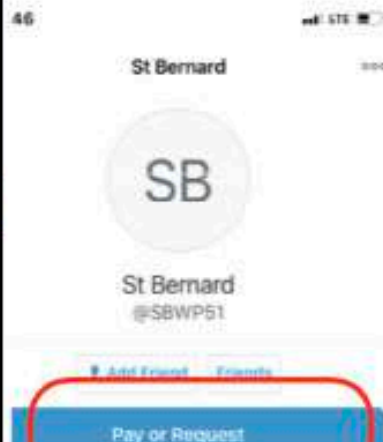
One-Time Donation →

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- Once a message appears select **it**.
- Select Pay and insert amount



APPLE PAY



HOW TO:

- Open the Camera app
- Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the **QR code** appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app.
- Once the text message app come up select **Apple Pay** from the **App bar**.
- Insert amount and select **Pay**

