

June 16, 2024 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE BERNADETTE GAZETTE

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Welcome!

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The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.

Discipleship of **FAITH & PRAYER**

CLERGY

Fr. Krzysztof Szafarski, Pastor

OFFICE HOURS

MON, WED, & FRI

9am - 12pm / 2pm - 4pm

SATURDAY 10am - 2pm

CLOSED

Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday,
Holy Days of Obligation & Holidays

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, TUE, WED & FRI - 6:00pm

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass) 5:30pm

SUNDAY 6am, 7:30am, 9am
11:30am (Pohnpian Mass)

CONFESSION

30 minutes before each Mass or by
appointment. Please call the office for
an appointment.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

If you know of a Parishioner who is
sick and/or Homebound & wishes to
receive Holy Communion, we kindly
ask you to stop by or call the office
& speak with Fr. Krzysztof.

CANDLES

Votive (glass) - \$4.50 each
Baptism - \$5.00 each

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL...

To leave the body and stand before the Lord; to be plucked like a tiny cedar branch from the tree from which it had previously drawn sap; to be like a seed that is thrown straight down into the soil, but grows above it, rising up towards the sky. Before this incomprehensible destiny comes true, man experiences a painful being thrown into the ground, a painful detachment from the tree, a painful abandonment of what is corporeal. Even God, created this world, by separating light from darkness. Even him, wanting to save us, he threw himself like pure grain from heaven into the dirty soil of the human body. And when he ascended to heaven, he broke away like a cedar branch from the tree of the human race. It is not easy when it is our turn to carry out God's program for the exaltation of our human nature. Sometimes it means detachment from your own dreams, leaving the desires of the body, throwing success out of your hands. Naivety must fall very low, like a seed, to grow into the mustard tree of wisdom.

As long as we are in the area of metaphors and symbols, we do not understand much of it. Jesus only explained all these secrets to his disciples. Why? Because you have to be His true disciple to understand that an apparent failure in this world is actually an announcement of an incomprehensible happiness that is not of this world. Anyone who clings to a version of a successful life on earth might feel hurt by the obvious truth that nothing in this world is permanent and sooner or later everything will end. So before the grain withers in the palm of your hand, or the cedar branch withers on the tree, or the spirit wastes away in the body, may the strength of God's arm tear us away and give us a **NEW CHANCE FOR ETERNITY !**

What does it mean that a seed must be thrown into the ground, or a cedar branch torn from a tree? Maybe it's that one day we will be abandoned by the hands that hugged US, or torn away from a loving family and carried away by loneliness. Who can agree to this without frustration, anger and despair? Frustration is an unbearable feeling of emptiness after someone or something, or a lack of fulfillment that we expected. You may be looking for a husband or a wife, but no one comes your way. Maybe someone you trusted betrayed you perfidiously and left you, throwing you like a worthless seed into the soil of sadness. Maybe you don't have any reasonable proposal to fulfill your dreams and life aspirations. Isn't this a sign of something more beautiful? If we are not fit for this world, then which world are we destined for? True happiness comes closer to those from whom false success moves away. However, for someone for whom GOD is only "god", detachment, throwing in, leaving are terrible words, because he cannot imagine happiness outside this world. Therefore, maybe it is actually safer to speak to him in parables?

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS OFFERINGS

Deadline for mass intention offerings for these days is every Wednesday.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE CLEANING OF OUR CHURCH

Please see the sign-up sheet is located at the entrance of the church.

CCD AND RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT

CCD and RCIA 2024-2025 registration is open, Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Church or on the parish website (bernadita.org), Please see parish website or poster at the bulletin board for required documents.

SBC CERTIFICATES

Reconciliation, Holy, Communion and Baptism Certificates are ready for pick up in the Parish Office during regular office hours.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING & FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to celebrate Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, June 28th, 6:30pm for Fr. Krzysztof as he will be departing our parish on June 30th.

There will be a fellowship following after the Mass. Those who wish to donate for this celebration may sign up at the entrance of the Church.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS June 08-09, 2024

5:30PM	\$312.10	RESTRICTED DONATION:	\$90.00
6:00AM	\$215.00		
7:30AM	\$159.00		
9:00 AM	\$345.00		
11:30AM	\$193.75		
TOTAL:	\$1,224.85		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!

BAPTISMS (1st & 3rd Sat.)

1. Baptism Information Form must be filled out by mother or father. Form may be picked up from the Parish Office.
2. A copy of the child's official birth certificate from Public Health.
3. Submission of Godparent(s) Sponsor Form from parish priest where they attend mass. If the sponsor(s) are parishioners of Santa Bernadita, they must call to make an appointment to meet with the priest.

Baptism Class & Baptism will not be scheduled until all required documents have been submitted to the office.

MARRIAGE PREP

1. Request for Sacrament of Matrimony Form must be filled out by couple and submitted to the Parish Office.
2. An appointment will be scheduled for couple to meet with the priest.

FUNERALS

1. Family member must come in to the Parish Office to obtain Funeral Arrangement Form.
2. Prior to confirming dates with Funeral Home, please contact the Parish Office for availability.

You may request for the necessary Form by emailing the office.

MASS INTENTIONS

ANIMAS (MASS FOR THE DEAD)

RECENT DEATHS:

Carmen Castro Camacho

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

1st Death Ann. – Carolina Diaz

7th Year Anniv. - Josiah John Duenas Salas

ANIMAS:

David, Benito Paul & Teresita C. Cruz; Ignacio C. & Victoria F. Cruz; Vicente S.A. & Teresita M. Mesa; Joaquin S.A. & Maria S.A. Mesa; Lorenzo A. & Lorenzo M. Manibusan; Milagros Bejerana; Manuel B. & Consolacion Q. Sudo; Sylvia Sudo; Sharleen S. & Vincent M. Aguon; Francisco L. & Dolores S. Lizama; Dorothy L. & Tanya M. Guzman; Patsy Ann S. Manglona; Joseph Anthony Cruz Mesa; Antonia Velasco & Jesus Lujan Borja; Elaine V. & Manuel Tenorio; Juan C. Cruz; Ricky Guevara; Eileen Nauta Guevara; Regina Marie Reyes Roberto; Joaquina Santos Ulloa; John James Santos Ulloa; Froilan Diaz, Sr., Joshua Atalig

ENBIDA (MASS FOR THE LIVING) and OTHER INTENTIONS

THANKSGIVING & SAFE JOURNEY:

For ALL THE MEN & WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES most especially those deployed and far from their families

For all the Victims of War in the World, the Abused, the Elderly, the Homeless, and those who have strayed from their Faith and Struggling in Life

FOR THE SICK, HEALING, RECOVERY & THANKSGIVING:

Jay Bejerana; Carmen Fejeran-Valino; Dorothy Cruz Bevins; Jesus Ninete; Rafail Family