

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN
ERE THE WORLDS BEGAN TO BE,
HE IS ALPHA AND OMEGA,
HE THE SOURCE, THE ENDING HE,
OF THE THINGS THAT ARE, THAT HAVE BEEN,
AND THAT FUTURE YEARS SHALL SEE
EVERMORE AND EVERMORE.

AURELIUS CLEMENS PRUDENTIUS, 348 AD

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2024



Nativity, Fra Angelico, 1441
San Marco Monastery, cell 5, Florence



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.–Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday–Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbernapar.org Monday–Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am. 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance. All required paperwork must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration encouraged; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online www.stbernapar.org .
	Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbernapar.org .

calendar

december

- 22 Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 23 Monday, Advent Weekday**
- 24 Tuesday, Advent Weekday**
- 24 Christmas Eve Vigil, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
• **4:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** preceded with carols/concert at 4pm
• **8:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** preceded with carols/concert at 8pm
• **(Mass at Midnight)**
• Live-streaming Mass for Christmas begins with the 4:30pm Vigil Mass
- 25 Wednesday, Advent Weekday [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor]**
• **Christmas Day Masses at Midnight, 7, 9, and 11am, and 1:30pm** (Spanish)
Please note, there is not 5pm Mass on Christmas Day
- 26 Thursday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**
- 27 Friday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 28 Saturday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 29 Sunday, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 30 Monday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
- 31 Tuesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

january

- 1 Wednesday, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
• **Holyday of Obligation**, Masses at 7 and 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)
- 2 Thursday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**
- 3 Friday, Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 4 Saturday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 5 Sunday, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 6 Monday, Christmas Weekday [Saint André Bessette, Religious]**
- 7 Tuesday, Christmas Weekday [Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]**
- 8 Wednesday, Christmas Weekday**
- 9 Thursday, Christmas Weekday**
- 10 Friday, Christmas Weekday**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 11 Saturday, Christmas Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 12 Sunday, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

Celebrating the Christmas Season

Merry Christmas to all! Wishing blessings for the new year.

Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES
4:30pm,
8:30pm (preceded by Choir Carol Prelude at 8pm)
Midnight Mass • 12am (preceded by Choir Prelude of Carols at 11:30pm)

Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Midnight Mass
7, 9, 11am & 1pm (en español)
Note: There is NO 5pm Mass

Dec 29 - FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY
Regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule

Jan 1 - MARY, MOTHER of GOD
(IS a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Regular Holy Day schedule:
Tuesday **Vigil 7:30pm**
Wednesday **7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm** (bilingual)

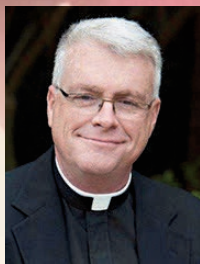
Jan 5 - EPIPHANY of the LORD
Regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule

Jan 12 -The BAPTISM of the LORD
The Christmas season ends today with our regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

from the pastor



It so happens the deadline to the printer for these bulletin was two weeks ago, so I'm writing this on the 11th. Part I of this letter can be found in the bulletin for last Sunday, Dec 22, and Part III will be in the bulletin for December 29. All are available on the parish website.

While there, check out our new website!

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

(continued from Sunday, December 22)

We want so badly to think that we are all we need and we can have God all figured out, but we aren't, and we can't. And that is okay because that is who God is and who we are, but it doesn't mean *give up*. It means *go to work* on that relationship and try to find the reason why all this is happening.

We are frustrated in our failure to learn *how*, when we should be focusing on *why*. Not *how* Christmas, but *why* Christmas? And, by extension, not *how* Eucharist, but *why*?

Not *how* God is a friend, a companion, a savior, but *why*: God is Love Itself. And how unlikely and relatively impossible that would seem from our human perspective!

God is not a being. God is Being Itself.

If God stopped thinking of us we would cease to be.

But God chose to do everything for us because God is Love. Because of his giving us life and of his love, we must *go to work* rather than give up. (Did you know that in the Greek of Jesus' time the word for "work" was "liturgy?")

So, to become us he became who we are, not who we would like to be. He became a human baby, completely humble, helpless, and absolutely, irresistibly loveable. He reveals to us how he regards us and who we are in the way in which he becomes us in Jesus Christ.

When you look at Jesus in complete poverty in a trough for feeding animals who do you see? Hopefully, I see myself. Also I realize there is a plan because the One whose plan is unfolding contains a lot of unknowns, but the one thing certain is that he is Love. Don't waste time on *how*, just focus on *why*.

As I have been reflecting on the nature of salvation in recent bulletins, the work of God's redemption was not something new. It was a restoration of what was already the intention of God's creation interrupted by our sin. The first Adam and the first Eve walked with God in the garden. (Again, let's not focus on the *how*, but the *why*.) They beheld God, but they didn't really know him and were swayed (maybe easily, or maybe with great deliberation) by the temptation of the devil to think they had God all figured out. The snake-thinking was pride, and they decided they were greater than they were. God was trying to keep them from being like Godself, to keep all the power for himself. That is what the devil does, he twists the truth and calls it truth. If God is the same as us, then why not? We can be him. The irony was, and I think this is important, they already were in union with their Creator, though creatures, according to God's plan. To be human is to be okay: look at Jesus in the manger, Creator and creature. (Again, let's not focus on the *how*, but the *why*.)

So sin happened, pride, "human" was no longer good enough, and they had to hide.

Creator *and* creature, divine and human... look and see that already in Jesus creation is being restored, to be completed on the Cross and empty tomb, but well under-way. *Why?* because God is Love, and Jesus is love incarnate, completely humble, helpless, and absolutely, irresistibly loveable. Worry about *how* as the gift of time unfolds, the invention of human science, which seeks to explain the unexplainable.

The world needs to re-see this unfolding story of salvation, not as some kind of analytical crisis, but as an act of love from God, who is Love.

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!

The Lord be with you.

Fr. Dan

From our principal, Dr. Burgess

Dear Saint Bernadette community,

During this wonderful time of year, we wait in joyful anticipation of the coming of our Savior. I have such fond memories of this season from my childhood years at a Catholic school. I vividly remember practicing for our annual Christmas program. My siblings and I would sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night" over and over at home for weeks leading up to the special performance.

The lyrics remind us of God's saving grace; the baby Jesus is born bringing hope and light to the world. This message is at the core of our mission at Saint Bernadette Catholic School. Here we collaborate to form hearts and minds in Christ so that we might live as a witness to Christ. Through prayer and receiving the sacraments, we obtain God's grace. This helps us to live by example to share the Good News.

This December we prepared for the coming of Jesus with particular emphasis on prayer, service, and giving. Each week

during Advent, we assembled as a school; Student Council members led us in prayer and song. During announcements our eighth graders shared Bible stories that are connected to the ornaments on our Jesse tree. These Bible stories represented key moments in history from the creation of the world to Jesus' birth. During We Care Week students donated \$779 for Catholic Charities. We performed acts of service by creating Christmas cards for the residents at Greenspring Senior Living and by collecting food donations for ECHO. Just before break, our PreK-8th grade students gathered together for the annual Christmas pageant. Listening to their angelic voices ring out Christmas carols transported me back to the school days of my youth. It is my hope that the traditions at Saint Bernadette Catholic School make lasting, happy memories for our students. Wishing you a joyful Christmas and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Burgess, Ph.D.
Principal

FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST



religious education

Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at 703-451-8576, ext 138.

RE regular schedule:

Tuesday Session
5:30–6:45pm

Wednesday Session
6–7:15pm

Special Tuesday Session
for Confirmation Fall 2024
7-8:15pm

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at flocknote.com/stbernyouth or text "stbernyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at grihl@stbernapar.org with any questions you may have.

RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes resume on Jan. 7-8
Monthly Family Faith Formation meets on Jan. 5

Email vmendez@stbernapar.org or Lynn Jones, Ljones@stbernapar.org for more information.

Merry Christmas to all!

May the blessings of this holy season be known to all of our Religious Education families, volunteers, and supporters. Take time to reflect on the best gift of all-- Jesus Christ, our Savior

THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD DONATIONS!

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to pack and deliver 40 holiday food baskets to deserving families in our community. Our Confirmation 2026 Teams, along with their leaders and parents, deserve special thanks for spending yesterday morning packing and delivering the food baskets.

TOBET Lessons Completed

All our classes have completed the lessons in our special Theology of the Body Curriculum, The Body Matters. Please return all The Body Matters books this

week! Parents, if you have questions about this program, or would like to learn more about Saint Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body, go to <https://tobet.org/the-body-matters/> or contact Lynn Jones at Ljones@stbernapar.org

RE Class Safety Notice

With the early evening darkness, as well as other parish activities such as CYO sports in the gymnasium, we need to be extra cautious for the safety of all our students. Please do not drop your child off and have them walk through traffic lanes to the curb. If you do not use the drop off lane, you must park your car and walk with your child to door 1. For pick-up, park your car in a legal parking spot and then walk to door 1 to meet your child. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our children safe.

Living the liturgical year

Jesus is here! Make your own nativity scene with this free printable: <https://activity-mom.com/2022/10/nativity-craft-for-kids/>. If you have a few minutes, watch this cute, lighthearted retelling of the Story of Christmas from Saddleback Kids: <https://youtu.be/bxuObnjeUP4?feature=shared>

WorkCamp 2025

All 9th – 12th graders are invited to Diocesan Workcamp June 21-27, 2025. Workcamp is an annual event where hundreds of teens and adults work together to help make local homes warmer, dryer, and safer for those in need. This is a transformative experience for all involved, and you won't want to miss It! Please mark your calendars for a Workcamp Interest Meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 6:15pm in the Bradican Room. Teens who are interested in attending, or parishioners who are interested in helping in some capacity can email Grace Mee at grihl@stbernapar.org

Middle School Youth Ministry Next Wednesday, December 18

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of the month! Join us in the New Year on Wednesday, January 15th for games, snacks, and fun from 6:45-8pm in the Gym. All middle schoolers are welcome, bring a friend!

High School Tuesday Socials

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for games, snacks, fun, and discussions on the faith every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm in the youth room! All are welcome, bring a friend!

High School Boys Catholic Life Community

Join other Catholic high school boys in this community of faith, prayer, and fellowship. New attendees are always welcome, every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:15pm in the youth room.

Here is a quick guide to getting involved at Saint Bernadette. You're welcome.

get involved

	MINISTRY	MINISTRY LEADER	CONTACT INFORMATION
Education	Adult Faith Formation Faith Formation K-12 Confirmation Team Leaders ESOL Teachers Middle School Youth Program RCIA Team (Eng.) RCIA Team (Esp.) Saint Bernadette School Youth Ministry Program	Lynn Jones Lynn Jones Grace Rihl Diana Round Grace Rihl Tony Weilbacher Fr. Jeb Donelan Dr. Kathleen Burgess Grace Rihl	Ljones@stbernapar.org Ljones@stbernapar.org grihl@stbernapar.org diana.round@ccda.net grihl@stbernapar.org tonyweilbacher@gmail.com frjebdonelan@stbernapar.org kburgess@stbernschool.org grihl@stbernapar.org
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Parish Life	Boy Scout Troop 995 Called and Gifted Workshop Catholic Women's Group Coffee and Donuts/Sundays Cub Scout Pack 995 Friends in Need Hearts on Fire Prayer Group Knitting/Crochet Ministry Knights of Columbus Legion of Mary (Eng.) Legion of Mary (Esp.) Pro-Life Committee Vocations Promoters Walking With Purpose	Jim Womack Rick Caporali Barbara Dalmut Myra Musialkiewicz Jake Norris Kathy Freund Tracy Pham Lerick Kebeck Sean Lenahan Jerome Furlow Florinda Reyes Tom Palumbo Marybeth Williams ReneeFuentes, SuyapaShine	yorkshireboy@me.com rcaporali@stbernapar.org bdalmut@gmail.com mmusialkiewicz@cox.net jacob.norrisphd@gmail.com onanny55@gmail.com tracy_pham@msn.com lsotelo0712@yahoo.com slenahankofc@gmail.com jerome.furlow06@gmail.com lilljctat@verizon.net tompalumbo@outlook.com marybeth.williams@yahoo.com stbernadettewwp@gmail.com



CELEBRATING *the* CHRISTMAS SEASON

T U E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 4

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

4:30pm, 8:30pm (preceded by Contemporary
Choir Carol Prelude at 8pm)

Midnight Mass • 12am (preceded by Saint
Bernadette Choir Prelude of Carols at 11:30pm)

W E D N E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 5

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

(Midnight Mass)

7, 9, 11am & 1pm (en español)

Note: There is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day

S U N D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 9

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

*We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil and
Sunday Mass schedule for the parish*

W E D N E S D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Regular Holy Day schedule: Vigil Tuesday, 7:30pm

Wednesday: 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)

S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 5

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

*We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil and
Sunday Mass schedule for the parish*

S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1 2

The BAPTISM of the LORD

*The Christmas season ends today with our regular
Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule.*

Calling altar servers

All boys and girls 4th grade to 12th grade are welcome to serve at the altar at Mass! In the interest of trying to be most accommodating to your schedules, we have put training for servers on Mondays 5-6pm on January 20, 27, and February 3. In the school, please sign up with Mrs. Bacon. Otherwise, please contact the parish office.

Calling Eucharistic Ministers

Consider serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at Masses and for the homebound! The diocese will be announcing their training dates soon, and we would like to hear from you. We have about one-third the number of EMs pre-COVID, and we need to renew our roster as well as consider making Communion under both forms a possibility again. The first step is to talk with Fr. Don. Thank you!

Catholic Women's Group Upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. No need to RSVP. For more information, please email us at women@stbernapar.org.

Monday, December 16 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

The National March for Life

Join fellow parishioners at this prayerful, peaceful event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 24. Saint Bernadette will provide a bus if there are enough reservations. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/42tnedb4> by January 5. There won't be any cost to ride the bus, but we would like to ask you to bring items for the Baby Supply Drive (flyer coming soon). Questions? Call the office.

Still, a new parish hall...

As we have mentioned lately, we have a green light and are moving forward on design drawings with our architect based on the budget that has been approved. We have learned, however, that materials costs may be as much as 10% higher than our pre-COVID estimate.

Would you consider an end-of-year donation to our Capital Campaign? Especially all our new families and those who have not yet participated in gifts or pledges? Your contribution is needed.

If you recall, Bishop asked all parishes to end campaigns last January because he was going to start a campaign for the

diocese. In August, he announced that he would not be having a diocesan campaign, which gave us the opportunity to continue to appeal for the remaining \$300,000 in pledges we were short of goal in Phase II.

We understand how tight money is, and how much more expensive this time of year can be with extra expenses, but it is also a great time to make gifts from the perspective of taxes. For any questions, or if you are new and would like an introduction to the project, please contact Jean Corday in the office, or Fr. Don.

We are grateful for your generosity in so many different drives and collections. You are an amazing parish and your attention is a blessing to everyone here.



capital campaign continues

Parish Offertory

Offertory totals for 12/22 are not available at the time of publication.

Thank you for your faithful support!



Consider using Faith Direct to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you make car or tuition payments. Faith Direct also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.

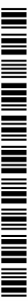
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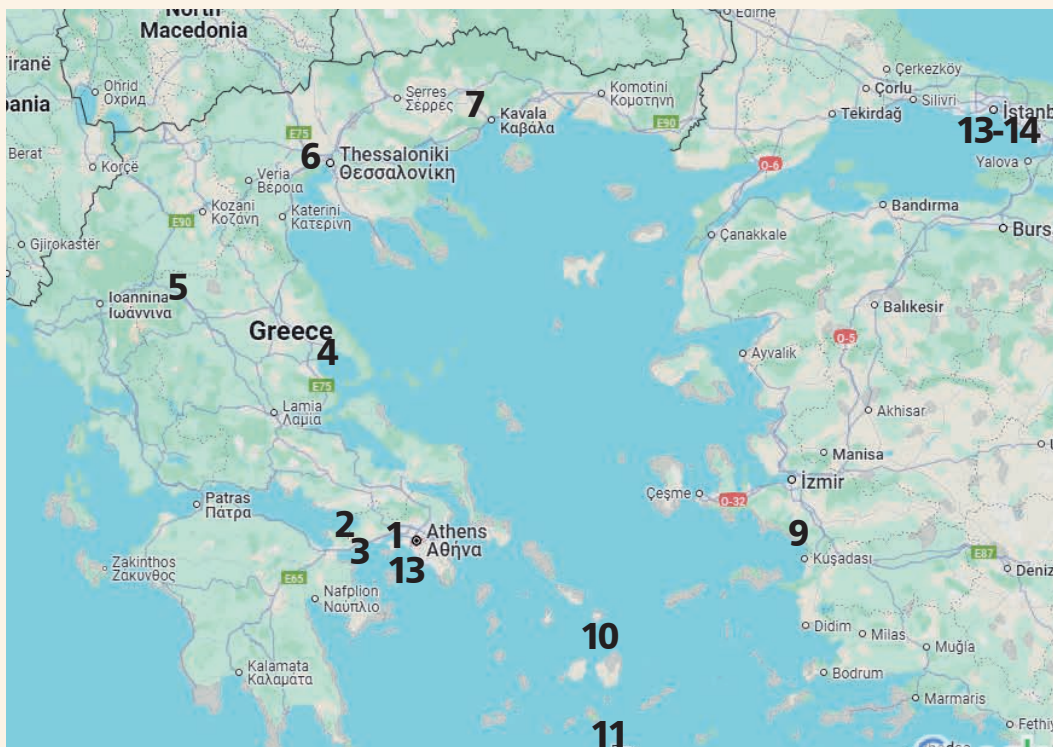


**ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATORS ARE INVITED
TO OUR "NIGHT OF GRATITUDE,"
CELEBRATING the BEGINNING of the NEW YEAR,
IN THANKS of YOUR SERVICE to SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH and SCHOOL.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 at 7 O'CLOCK, in the SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES and DANCING
to the ANDREW THIELEN ORCHESTRA.**

RSVP to EVELYN BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, evargas@stbernpar.org





the parish pilgrimage, 2025: the footsteps of st. paul

1. Athens
2. Corinth
3. Cenchrea/Mycenae
4. depart Piraeus to Volos
5. Meteora Monasteries
6. Berea/Thessaloniki
7. Philippi/Kavala
8. at sea
9. Ephesus
10. Mykonos
11. Santorini
12. at sea
13. Piraeus/Athens airport/ Istanbul
14. Istanbul
15. return flight/Dulles

Announcing the 2025 parish pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul

Have you ever wondered about those New Testament letters of Saint Paul? Most have little awareness of how Saint Paul tirelessly visited and wrote to many of the cities surrounding the Aegean Sea.

- Airlines: Round-trip economy class airfare via Turkish Airlines: Dulles/Athens/Istanbul/Dulles.
- Airlines: One-way economy class airfare via Turkish Airlines: Athens to Istanbul.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax; Greek airport taxes.
- Cruise port taxes aboard the Celebrity Infinity Cruises.
- Accommodation: Four (4) nights' accommodations in twin rooms at first-class hotels (two nights in Athens and two nights in Istanbul).
- Cruise: Nine (9) nights aboard Celebrity Infinity. Based on outside Cabins Category O1.
- Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily in Athens and Istanbul. On Celebrity Infinity: three meals daily, including unlimited soft drink package.
- Tour Management: Services of a licensed English-speaking guide/tour manager including all shore excursions.



- Excursions: All sightseeing conducted by licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the day-by-day tour itinerary.
- Cruise shore excursions in private motor coach with a minimum of 30 participants.
- Entrance fees to all sites, as per attached itinerary.
- Coordination of all liturgies, on land and aboard cruise ship, as per attached itinerary.
- Porter service (one piece of luggage per person) at hotels throughout the tour.

Base Cash Package Price: \$5,795
 including dept. tax & fuel surcharge.
 Base Credit Card Price: \$5,995
 including dept. tax & fuel surcharge.
 Single room supplement: \$2,795
 Upgrades for staterooms/ balconies

For more information contact tour director Peter's Way Tours, 516-605-1551, peter@petersway.com.

As always we find the most interesting places for daily Mass and opportunities for spiritual growth.

We will explore the letters of Paul where he walked as well as consider the relationship with the Christian east and west.



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Christmas 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas celebrates the reason for our hope, as Sacred Scripture proclaims: “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” (Luke 2:11) The coming of the Lord offers us a sure hope no matter our challenges or circumstances. Our hope for true peace in the world, for unity rather than division, and for a better future for ourselves and our loved ones—we draw all these hopes from Christ and our union with him.

This Christmas, Pope Francis will inaugurate the opening of the Holy Year of 2025, a Jubilee Year in our Church, with the theme “pilgrims of hope” and strengthening us with the words of Saint Paul: “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). As one family of faith, may our lives this Christmas and throughout the Holy Year be marked by the hope that does not fade, so that by God's grace, we may faithfully and lovingly journey with one another toward eternal happiness with our Father in Heaven.

May our Lord Jesus bless you and fill you with his peace at Christmas and always, and may the hope he inspires be shared with all those you encounter in the new year to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington





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Navidad 2024

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

La Navidad celebra la razón de nuestra esperanza, como proclama la Sagrada Escritura: "Porque hoy, en la ciudad de David, os ha nacido un salvador, que es el Mesías y el Señor". (Lc 2, 11) La venida del Señor nos ofrece una esperanza segura, sean cuales sean nuestros retos o circunstancias. Nuestra esperanza de una paz verdadera en el mundo, de unidad en lugar de división, y de un futuro mejor para nosotros mismos y para nuestros seres queridos: todas estas esperanzas las extraemos de Cristo y de nuestra unión con Él.

Esta Navidad, el Papa Francisco inaugurará la apertura del Año Santo 2025, Año Jubilar en nuestra Iglesia, con el tema "peregrinos de la esperanza" y fortaleciéndonos con las palabras de San Pablo: "La esperanza no defrauda". (Romanos 5:5) Como una sola familia de fe, que nuestras vidas en esta Navidad y durante todo el Año Santo estén marcadas por la esperanza que no se desvanece, para que, por la gracia de Dios, podamos caminar fiel y amorosamente unos con otros hacia la felicidad eterna con nuestro Padre del Cielo.

Que nuestro Señor Jesús los bendiga y los llene de su paz en Navidad y siempre, y que la esperanza que Él inspira sea compartida con todos aquellos con quienes se encuentren en el nuevo año que comienza.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Mons. Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de Arlington

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

Please call the office also if you would like to request a Mass sooner, that is not announced.

December

23 MONDAY

7am † John Monteith, Jr.
9am* † Mary Ann Caguiat
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

24 TUESDAY

7am † Robert Crisol
9am* † Mario Cantu
4:30* † Manuel Pablo
8:30* † David Gomes
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

25 WEDNESDAY

12am † Robert Crisol
7am † Robert Crisol
9am* For the parish
11am* † Reginal Brandveen
1pm Allen Mayo
Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

26 THURSDAY

7am † Robert Crisol
9am* † Alba Torres Torres
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

27 FRIDAY

7am † Robert Crisol
9am* † Jhonny Ho
10am** † Mary Palenski
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 SATURDAY

8am* † Rich Errico
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
5pm* † Donald Gomes

29 SUNDAY

7am Betty Parks
9am* † George Murphy
11am* For the parish
1pm † Walter Izquierdo
5pm † Peggy Koppens
1 Sm 1:20-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Dec 28	5pm	Fr. Cedric
Dec 29	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. James
	5pm	Fr. Don

Parish Prayer List

It has been a long while since we have updated this list. If anyone is listed here who no longer needs to be included, please call the office.

Christopher Ayala, Christy Perez Ayala, Barbara Baxter, Lorenzo Beitia, Benedi Family, Javier Blandon, Marvin Boord, Krista Buskey, Eleanor Butler, Josue Cabrera, Frank Caponegro, Victoria Castro Guerra, Hyung Ji Choi, Kathleen Cobb, Emilio A. Conde Hernandez, Joaquin Cortez, Mary Crossin, Fernando Cruz Conde, Jessica Curtis, Russell Cykoski, Celine D'Cruze, Deeney Family, Joanne DeAngelis, Pierre Deslauriers, Ron & Karen Dietz, Nick Domahoski, Sean Duffy, Evans Family, Debbie Field, Thomas Fitzgerald, Paul Flapper, Richard & Veronica Flynn, Mario and Mark Fortin, Jerome Furlow, Elvira Gaudamus, Jim Gribschaw, Bill & Leona Harron, Andres Hernandez, Lauren Hicks, Shawn Hoisington, Elizabeth Howarth, Matthew Ianuzzi, Masaharu Ishii, Jack Judd, Sage Kalper, Astania Kamau, John Kelly, Theresa Khim, Mike Kidwell, Tim Kirk, John Kochersperger, Large Family, Melissa Lavelle, Lawler Family, Teodora Lim, Sharon Lord, Robert Madison, Minka Malnikof, Alice Martin, Tim McCarthy, Katherine Mehigan, Ken Miller, Jeremy Monsanto, Jonathan Mundell, Mike Mundell, Kathleen Maxwell, Karen Mitchell, Ted Musialkiewicz, Kathleen Murray, Shamsun Nahar, Steve Nelson, Mike Nolen, the Noonan family, Sarah Norton, JoAnne Plavchan, Corina Portillo, Daren Perry, Evan Robish, Joanna Robson, Apolonia Rye, Sagum Family, John Sandidge, B. Schulz, Smith Family, Glendora Spinelli, Ailsa Squatrito, Laura Sutherland, Ellie Urmston, Holger Vargas, Mary Vago, Silvio Villena, Adrienne Vincent, James Washburn, Margaret Wyse, Earnest Yambot, Yessenia Zelaya Diaz.

Pro-Life Witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary and be a witness to the sanctity of life on Tuesday or Saturday mornings in front of the abortion facility at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane in Alexandria (ample free parking across the street). We legally, peacefully, and respectfully gather for an hour starting at 10am; no sign-up or commitment required. Questions? Email Tom Palumbo at tompalumbo@outlook.com.

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Meet us for: Christmas Dinner (Dec. 25); Christ House meal (Dec. 28); New Year's Eve daytime celebration (Dec. 31); New Year's Day lunch (Jan. 1). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

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Consider a gift of stock or any other appreciated asset as a donation to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School. In exchange for a gift of a long-term appreciated asset, you can receive an income tax deduction for the current market value and avoid capital gains taxes on that appreciation. Your gift will support the Church, School, or the Make All Things New Campaign. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.org or call the office.

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