

*Grant us, O Lord, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

# **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

March 2, 2025



"...every tree is known by its own fruit." Fruit Tree (detail), William Morris, c. 1877. cotton textile



**SAINT BERNADETTE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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 <sup>rd</sup> 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@stbermpar.org Monday–Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm
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YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Mee <a href="mailto:gnee@stbermpar.org">gnee@stbermpar.org</a>
BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in English; 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.stbermpar.org">www.stbermpar.org</a> .  Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. <a href="mailto:bulletin@stbermpar.org">bulletin@stbermpar.org</a> .



# calendar

## march

- 2 Sunday, EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
  - **BLA Commitment/Pledge Weekend** at all Masses
- 3 Monday, Weekday [Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin]**
- 4 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Casimir]**
- 5 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday**
  - Masses at 7 & 9am, Noon, 6pm (Liturgy of the Word ONLY), 7:30pm (bilingual Mass)
- 6 Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
- 7 Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs]**
  - **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
  - **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
  - **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 8 Saturday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday [Saint John of God, Religious]**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 9 Sunday, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 10 Monday, Lenten Weekday**
- 11 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
- 12 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
  - "The Light is On" confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 13 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 14 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
  - **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
  - **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
  - **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 15 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 16 Sunday, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Forty Hours begins**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
  - **FORTY HOURS' ADORATION** begins following the 5pm evening Mass.  
Please sign up in the vestibule to ensure two people are present at all time.
  - Our Forty Hours first **Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Quigley, CICM** begins ~ 6:15pm
- 17 Monday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick, Bishop]**
  - **Forty Hours Mass, 6:30pm** followed by **Mission Talk with Fr. Quigley, 7:30pm**
- 18 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor]**
  - **Forty Hours Mass, 6:30pm** followed by **Mission Talk with Fr. Quigley, 7:30pm**
  - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude Forty Hours following talk.
- 19 Wednesday, Solemnity of SAINT JOSEPH**
  - "The Light is On" confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 20 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 21 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
  - **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
  - **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
  - **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 22 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

## announcements

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of \$ at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/)

### Bishop's Lenten Appeal

The in-pew pledge weekend is this weekend, or you can give **BLA**. Please indicate you are a parishioner here and it will count toward our parish goal of \$560,000.

**Now accepting applications for PRE-Kinderergarten in our school.** Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service. Visit our website: [www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/](http://www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/)

### Lenten Observances

**Fasting:** Food equivalent to one regular meal, one small meal – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

**Abstinence:** No meat – ALL Fridays

**Parish Soup Suppers:** Fridays in Lent, 6pm

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, 7pm in English, 8pm in Spanish, in the church

**Lent Confessions:** Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30pm (as usual). *Please plan confessions early in the season to avoid running out of time.*

**Parish Penance Service:** Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm

**40 Hours and Parish Lenten Mission: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday–Tuesday, March 16-18.** Begins with 5pm Mass Sunday followed by adoration and mission talk by Fr. Bill Quigley, CICM, director of Missionhurst's Mount Tabor Retreat House in Arlington at 6:15pm. Additional Masses on Monday and Tuesday evening at 6:30pm followed by Lenten Mission talks at 7:30pm. Close of 40 Hours with Benediction, Tuesday night after the talk.

## from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

There was something incredibly right about our Evening Prayer for Hope and Healing, as we seek to accompany anyone who is worried or scared, or anxious right now over employment and recent events. As I said with my opening comments, this was not intended to be another opportunity for polarization or judgment or even opinion about current events. It was a moment for us to come together as a community to let everyone know that they are not alone but in the embrace of this community, to pray for healing and renewed hope, to listen to the word of God, to be healed through the beauty of music, and receive a teaching from Father Cedric on living with anxiety.

His message was really good. Anxiety is, of itself, not a desired emotion. It has many causes, and many effects on our bodies and our minds. But it is also, in that classic Catholic way of stating the unlikely obvious, an opportunity to experience our powerlessness and tune our hearts to God and grow closer to him. We know, as Father said, that God did not create the situation that faces us, but he is nevertheless sovereign over it. In that reassurance we can confidently confront whatever worries us knowing that, not only is he victorious over all passing things, he actually entered into the experience itself in Jesus Christ, who has gone before us and experienced it all already. Wherever we go, he has been there before, from the danger his family faced at the time of his birth all the way up to his agony in the garden and subsequent execution on the cross.

Anyway, I wish I had had the presence of mind to record his talk, and I could have added it to the website where I post my weekly homily... but I didn't. Many people came away from our prayer service on Monday night with a renewed peace, spoke of a consolation and healing that they felt restored them and better readied them for whatever may happen. One person told me that she was reminded that our lives are so much more uncertain than certain, and you can convince yourself in moments of difficulty that the world probably isn't going to go according to my

plan for it. There is only One whose plans are big enough for the world to take notice, and the world would have to desire his plan. We are currently in a season when it does not seem to be interested in him.

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I have been meaning to announce in the last couple of weeks that our parish – as well as the Catholic community of our area – has been invited by the Muslim community to two iftars.

The season of Ramadan, much like our season of Lent, is February 28 - March 29 this year. They observe a mandatory fast from food *and water* every day of the season from dawn to sunset. Imagine if we Catholics had such requirements! When Ramadan falls in the summer months there is serious concern about hydration, especially for those who have outdoor jobs. Still they do not break the fast until sunset. The meal they gather to celebrate after sunset prayers is called the *iftar*.

Saint Bernadette has been especially invited to the iftar celebrated in the context of the Interreligious Community Project Sharing Sacred Spaces initiative which we have been active in for the past two years. It is being hosted by the Rumi Forum at Temple Rodef Shalom on March 6 (this week!) at 5:30pm, at 2100 West Moreland St., Falls Church. RSVP by March 2(!). If you would like to go, contact me before the end of this weekend! I will tell them how many of us are coming.

We are also invited to the Northern Virginia Faith Communities' Iftar on March 9 at 6:30pm, hosted by Rumi Forum's American Turkish Friendship Association (ATFA) at their center in Chantilly, at 16120 Newbrook Drive in the Westfields area on Hwy 28. Again, if you would like to attend, please let me know and I will tell them how many of us will be coming.

This has become a wonderful way that Christians and Muslims gather, as they say, to connect heart to heart, break bread, and enjoy a conversation. It has long been my experience that we just need to get to know one another to ease the anxiety of stereotypes and false information.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*



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## Our commitment to inclusion

Our faith calls us to see Jesus in every student, creating a community where all children feel valued, included, and supported. Our mission is to form hearts and minds in Christ, and we believe true belonging comes from fostering an environment where every student—regardless of ability—knows they are an integral part of our school family.

While we are still at the beginning of our journey as an inclusive school for students with higher learning needs, we are committed to building a strong foundation of belonging. Through school-wide bonding activities, buddy programs, and a shared commitment to service, we cultivate a culture where all students are embraced as members of our community. These experiences help all students develop empathy, friendship, and a deeper understanding of one another.

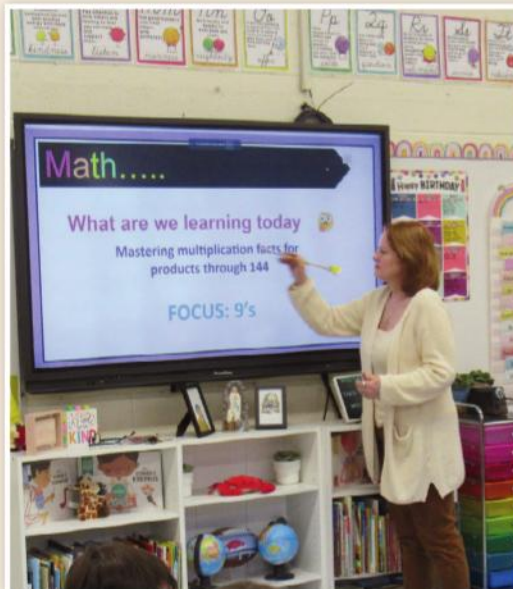
To ensure that all students thrive, our teachers are actively learning and implementing the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a framework that helps educators plan for diverse learning needs. In addition, our resource team provides in-classroom support, working alongside teachers to create engaging, accessible learning experiences for all students. Collaboration is at the heart of our school culture, with our staff dedicated to growing in best teaching practices and ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed.

Above all, our commitment to inclusion is grounded in our Catholic faith. By fostering an environment of compassion, understanding, and academic excellence, we seek to build a school community where every child is embraced, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

## Join Us for the Diocesan Catholic Schools Job Fair

Are you passionate about integrating teaching with Catholic values? We invite you to join us next weekend on Saturday, March 8, at Saint Bernadette Catholic School. Meet representatives from 37

elementary schools, 4 high schools, and 4 stand-alone preschools. The Diocese of Arlington Catholic School system, which serves over 18,000 students across 13 cities and counties, is seeking dedicated, qualified educators with faith-filled hearts and vibrant personalities. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and discover the wonderful possibilities within our schools! Explore our job openings at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools>.



*Our learning resources team*

## cardinal corner



**FORMING  
HEARTS  
& MINDS  
IN CHRIST**

## Now enrolling PRE-Kindergarten

Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service.

We are now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Visit our website: [www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/](http://www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/)

# religious education

## Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136; Arlyn Agasen, ext 132, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at ext 138.

### RE regular schedule:

Tuesday Session  
5:30–6:45pm  
Wednesday Session  
6–7:15pm

# youth ministry

## Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at [flocknote.com/stbernyouth](https://flocknote.com/stbernyouth) or text "stbernyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at [gme@stbermpar.org](mailto:gme@stbermpar.org) with any questions you may have.

## RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: Mar. 4-5, and 11-12.  
Sunday Family Faith Formation Class: Mar. 2.  
Saturday SPRED class, March 8.

Email [vmendez@stbermpar.org](mailto:vmendez@stbermpar.org) or Lynn Jones, [Ljones@stbermpar.org](mailto:Ljones@stbermpar.org) for more information.

## Volunteers needed

We are in need of more volunteers who can commit to classes on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:45pm or on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm. Contact Lynn Jones for more information.

## Spring Reconciliations

Our students will be receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation on March 4 (Tuesday classes) and March 12 (for Wednesday classes). Reconciliation for all

other classes will be on February 25 & 26. Please make an extra effort to be on time for class on those days!

## Trinity House Family Social

Join us on March 23 in the school cafeteria for fellowship, hospitality, and kids' activities after the 9am Mass! Come visit with other parish families while you enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts while your children do some fun activities with volunteers!

## Living the liturgical year

Ash Wednesday is this week-- March 5! Get your family ready to Pray, Fast, and Give with these ideas from Look to Him and Be Radiant : <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2025/02/using-corporal-spiritual-works-of-mercy.html>.

## Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering March 5

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us 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!

## WorkCamp adult volunteers still needed

-- 1 woman to serve as an Adult Crew Leader for the week June 21-27  
-- 1 contractor to supervise the repairs performed at the resident's home June 22-26. Please contact Matthew Frey with any questions: [matthew\\_c\\_frey@yahoo.com](mailto:matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com) or 571-265-5258.

## Bishop Ireton Theater presents Guys and Dolls!

The show will run on April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7pm; April 6 at 2pm in Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Event page with details: <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>

Direct Ticket Link: <https://bihs.booktix.com/>

# CYO VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION 3RD-8TH GRADE GIRLS

REGISTER HERE:  
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**DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, MAR. 8**

QUESTIONS:  
EMAIL [GVSORIANO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GVSORIANO@GMAIL.COM) OR  
[CATHERINEELUBY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CATHERINEELUBY@GMAIL.COM)

# Lent 2025



## Fasting, Abstinence, and Prayer, Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross



Lent is a special time of quiet and personal reflection as well as a time in which the parish comes together to observe special devotions and gatherings.

Remember, Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**, which means no meat *and* we eat only one full meal and two small meals not equalling one full meal, with no snacks in between.

Join us for our parish Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays at 6pm!

We celebrate the Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross, on Fridays at 7pm in English, and 8pm in Spanish in the church.

## Confessions



Our special **Parish Penance Service** with 16 priests will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30pm in the church. Please plan to join us.

Confessions will be available also on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8pm and the normal time, 3:30pm on Saturdays. *Please plan to come earlier in the season so as not to encounter limited opportunities later.*

# Cuaresma 2025



## Ayuno, Abstinencia, y oración, Cenas de Sopa y Estaciones de la Cruz



La Cuaresma es un tiempo especial de reflexión personal y tranquila, así como un tiempo en el que la parroquia se reúne para observar devociones y reuniones especiales.

Recuerda, los viernes son días de abstinencia de carne. El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de **ayuno y abstinencia**, lo que significa no comer carne y solo comemos una comida completa y dos comidas pequeñas que no equivalen a una comida completa, sin refrigerios entre medias.

¡Únase a nosotros para nuestras cenas de sopa los viernes a las 6pm! Celebramos el Vía Crucis, o Estaciones de la Cruz, los viernes a las 7pm en inglés y a las 8pm en español en la iglesia.

## Confessions



Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia especial con 16 sacerdotes se llevará a cabo el martes 8 de abril a las 6:30pm en la iglesia. Por favor planee unirse a nosotros. Las confesiones estarán disponibles también los miércoles por la noche, de 6:30 a 8pm y, en horario normal, a las 3:30pm los sábados. *Planee venir más temprano en la temporada para no encontrar oportunidades limitadas más adelante.*

## lent is here

### Parish Offertory

February 23:  
Offertory \$44,298

**Thank you for your faithful support!**



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## A Beloved Tradition: 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration



OPENING of FORTY HOURS  
*all-night adoration Sunday night through  
Tuesday night.*

Sunday, March 16

5pm SUNDAY MASS  
6pm ADORATION BEGINS  
6:15pm MISSION TALK

Monday, March 17

FIRST DAY of ADORATION

7 and 9am MASS  
6:30pm MASS  
7:30pm MISSION TALK

Tuesday, March 18

SECOND DAY of ADORATION

7 and 9am MASS  
6:30pm MASS  
7:30pm MISSION TALK  
BENEDICTION and  
CLOSE of FORTY HOURS

## 2022 Mission Talks during 40 Hours



This year our parish mission speaker is Fr. Bill Quigley, CICM, a Missionhurst priest who currently serves as director of their Mount Tabor Retreat House in Arlington. He will speak on a variety of Lenten themes to inspire lay faithful to fully grow in to the life of the Church.

## 2025 Teacher Job Fair

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding the 2025 Teacher Job Fair here at Saint Bernadette School next Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9 - 11am. Principals from over 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington will be available to meet with teaching candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. To register in Advance, please go to this link and complete the online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/5VEiXMSmAG> or scan the QR code. For questions, please email [catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org).

## An enlivening journey to the heart of Jesus

This Lent, join the diocese for a journey to the heart of Jesus! "A Holy People: Living the Scriptural and Social Teaching of our Faith." This adult faith formation series shows the way through prayer, scripture, the Beatitudes, and the rich social teaching of the Catholic Church.

Topics for this prayerful, interactive in-person faith program formation series includes: • Holiness: The Heart of Catholic Social Teaching • The Great Commandment and Human Dignity • What is Social Sin and how should we respond? *When:* 5 Tuesdays in Lent starting March 11 - ending April 8 at 7:30pm *Where:* Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203. We are excited to see you as we walk this journey together.)

## 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](mailto:women@stbernapar.org).

Monday, March 3 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.

Our next **Monthly Meeting** will be **Tuesday, March 11** in the Bradican Room. Attorney Theresa Dalmut Small of the Fairfax firm McCandlish Lillard, will speak about estate planning -- wills, trust, advanced medical directives and powers of attorney.

## Women's 159th Arlington Diocese Cursillo Retreat

The Women's 159th Arlington Cursillo Retreat is March 6 - 9 at the Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington VA. The **Cursillo Weekend** is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to grow spiritually, make new friends, and experience Christ's unlimited love. For more information, or to register, contact [communications@arlingtoncursillo.org](mailto:communications@arlingtoncursillo.org) or parishioner Trish Pirowski at [1986Sailboat@gmail.com](mailto:1986Sailboat@gmail.com) or visit the [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org).







## Live Jesus! 2025 at St. John Neumann Saturday, Mar. 29

Live Jesus! is a Catholic Lenten gathering that includes a morning of reflection, fellowship and prayer based on the humble and gentle spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. Registration is free (although the event is



wholly supported by freewill donations), and encouraged for anyone high school age and above!

St. John Neumann Catholic Church (11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston VA) on Saturday, March 29 beginning with breakfast at 8am and speakers at 9am. The keynote speaker is Fr. James Greenfield, OSFS and two secondary speakers are Olivia Wills Kane and Carol Swiger, founder of Live Jesus! For more details and registration, visit [oblates.org/events-feed/live-jesus-2025](http://oblates.org/events-feed/live-jesus-2025) or scan the QR code.

## Women's Discernment Weekend March 13-15

Join the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia for a vocations weekend, *Let us prefer nothing to the love of Christ*, Saint Benedict Monastery, 9539 Linton Hall Road, Bristow VA. Contact Sr. Kathy Persson, OSB at [vocations@osbva.org](mailto:vocations@osbva.org) or 571-428-2511.

## Support Catholic Relief Services International with Rice Bowls of the change you bring in Lent

We met Hongkham in 2016, when she was volunteering as a cook at her children's school, which provided free school lunches for students. Her family also received monthly food rations through a Catholic Relief Services program after her husband fell seriously ill and they had to sell their farm. Over the next eight years, Hongkham became a mentor in her community—sharing knowledge and fostering a network of cooks who now rotate duties and make sure the children always have a warm meal to look forward to. Four of her six sons grew up on school meals, and they stand noticeably taller. Her husband's health also improved, and he now works as a carpenter with two of their sons.



To Donate please visit <https://tinyurl.com/34sdsxz4> or take and return a Rice Bowl from the church vestibule. Please return no later than April 11, 2025. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Relief

*Concerts at Saint Bernadette presented two U. S. Navy Band chamber ensembles on February 21. We had a record audience for this concert, one of the highlights of our concert season.*



## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

### March

#### 3 MONDAY

7am The Mussomele Family  
9am\* † Rustico & Amparo Tijing  
Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

#### 4 TUESDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory  
9am\* † Jan Usinger Sanchez  
Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

#### 5 WEDNESDAY

7am † Romea Dator Dumo  
9am\* † Demetrio Castillo  
Noon † Fausto Bonilla  
7:30p †  
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-18

#### 6 THURSDAY

7am † Edgar Caceres  
9am\* † Charles Canestro  
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

#### 7 FRIDAY

7am † Carol Pfeiffer  
9am\* Calvin Truong  
10am\*\* † Joan Kelly  
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

#### 8 SATURDAY

8am\* Mary Waalkes  
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
5pm\* † Apolinar Bundalian

#### 9 SUNDAY

7am † Johanna Cox  
9am\* † Timothy Kirk  
11am\* For the parish  
1pm † Guillermo Sejas Pimienta  
5pm Russell Cykoski  
Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

March 8	5pm	Fr. Don
March 9	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

## Parish Prayer List

Frank Palumbo, Trevor Stezak, Jessica Curtis, Sean Duffy, Paul Flapper, Mark Fortin, Shamsun Nahur, Kamden Harriet, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Joanne DeAngelis, Jim Gribshaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Frank Caponegro, Krista Buskey, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish.

## 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](mailto:tompalumbo@outlook.com).

## Planned giving: make a gift of appreciated assets

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 parish hall Capital Campaign. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at [rcaporali@stbernapar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernapar.org) or call the office.

### Remember us in your will or trust

The next time you review your will or trust with your attorney consider adding a provision to donate a portion of your assets to Saint Bernadette Church and School. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at [rcaporali@stbernapar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernapar.org) or call the office.

## Associates of Saint John Bosco scholarships

The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened its scholarship application for all current

and rising college students. ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by May 19, 2025, by visiting: [www.asjb.org/scholarship-program](http://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program).

## The Car Ministry

If you have a used car to donate, please consider The Car Ministry, a charitable agency that processes and repairs donated vehicles, which are given at no cost to families and individuals who can support a car, and who have been referred by pastors and social workers. These vehicles transform people's lives because transportation allows them to obtain employment in places that were previously inaccessible, and be self-sufficient. For more information, contact Larry Gordon (703) 237-8479.

## Mary's Comfort

Mary's Comfort welcomes our first baby! We are delighted to share with the Saint Bernadette community that a guest at Mary's Comfort recently gave birth to a healthy baby. Please pray in thanksgiving for this infant, weighing in at 6 lbs, 9 oz. Also, pray for the second baby's safe arrival any day now. Without your generous support, we would not have been able to house this mother and allow her to bring her baby home to a safe and loving environment.

## Rosary sale

Sanctum Rosary Makers will be here after all Masses March 8-9 with beautiful gemstone rosaries just in time for Lent. All rosaries are \$50 (cash, check, PayPal or Venmo only), and all proceeds benefit Mary's Comfort.

*If you are new to the parish or never had an opportunity to make a pledge or gift to our new Parish Life Center, the campaign continues. Please contact Fr. Don or Jean Corday in the parish office. Thanks for your support.*



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