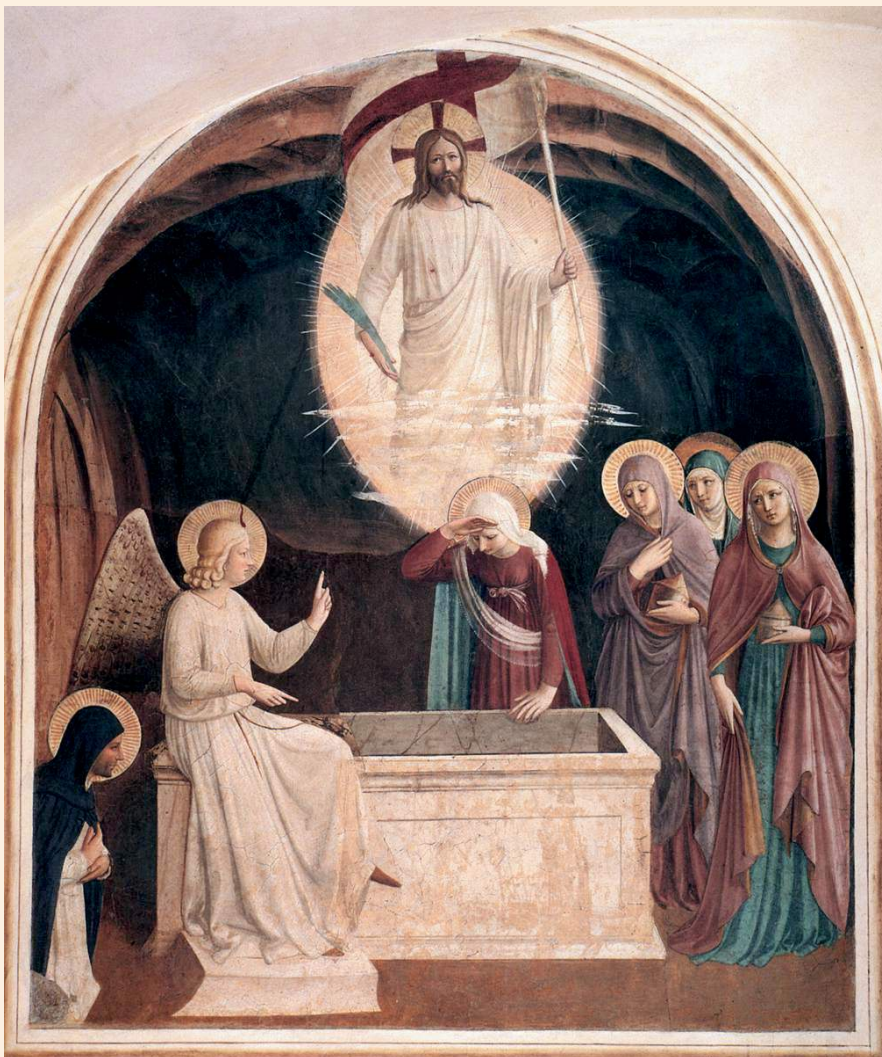


*O God, who on this day, through your only begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

# The Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

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Women at the Empty Tomb, Fra Angelico, 1442  
Fresco, cell 8 of the Monastery of San Marco, Florence



**SAINT BERNADETTE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# The Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

# 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:gme@stbermpar.org">gme@stbermpar.org</a> Assistant Director, J.P. McLaughlin, <a href="mailto:jpmclaughlin@stbermpar.org">jpmclaughlin@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 required somewhere; 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

## april

- 5 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
  - Masses 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish). **NO 5pm Mass**
- 6 **Monday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Parish Offices are closed
- 7 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
- 8 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
- 9 **Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
- 10 **Friday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 11 **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
  - **ECHO YARD SALE** starting at 8am in the gym
- 12 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
  - Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm, church
- 13 **Monday, Easter Weekday [Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr]**
- 14 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday**
- 15 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
- 16 **Thursday, SAINT BERNADETTE**
  - Additional bilingual **parish feastday Mass**, 7pm, followed by reception
- 17 **Friday, Easter Weekday**
- 18 **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 19 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
- 20 **Monday, Easter Weekday**
  - **Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service**, 8pm in the church, please join us!
- 21 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor]**
- 22 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
- 23 **Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint George, Martyr]**
- 24 **Friday, Easter Weekday [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr]**
  - Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 25 **Saturday, Saint Mark, Evangelist**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 26 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

## announcements

Adults who, for whatever reason, are catechized but have never received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to contact the office. Fr. Don will be planning a series of classes during the Easter Season in preparation for Confirmation with Bishop Burbidge on Pentecost Sunday.

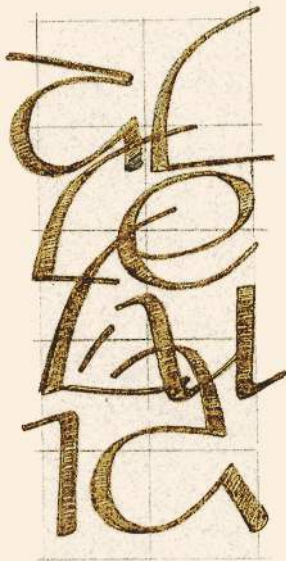
We are at **88%** of our **2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal**. The theme is "In Christ We Are One," reminding us of Jesus' will for the unity of all those who were given to him by the Father. You can make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA). Please indicate you are a parishioner here and it will count toward our parish goal of \$582,000.

All Saints Church Multi-Car Raffle is still in full swing. Four vehicles will be raffled along with a \$20,000 cash drawing, plus other cash drawings. The final deadline for ticket returns is April 21th. The drawings begin at 1:00pm Saturday, April 25th at All Saints Parish in Manassas. Please return all tickets by mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

The **Virginia MARCH FOR LIFE** is Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Virginia State Capitol Grounds, 1000 Bank Street, Richmond. The day begins with a rally at 10am followed by the march starting at 11am. New this year is the opportunity to register for training sessions after the march at 12:30 to help prepare advocates to stop the extreme proposed constitutional amendment that would allow virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy. Register here: <https://marchforlife.org/virginia/>. Contact the parish office **no later than April 8** if you would like to take a bus.

We will celebrate our parish, **Saint Bernadette, Feast Day on Monday, April 16**, with a bilingual Mass at 7pm.

## from the pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

What was that moment of resurrection like? Nobody saw it. Was it silent? or bright? Was there anything to see at all with our human eyes? It probably seemed like there was nothing happening. Up until the moment of Jesus' death, if you think about it, nobody was in heaven. Only beyond the Cross could Christ go to work calling forth all the just people who had died in the millennia before and were waiting the moment of redemption. At the moment of resurrection, imagine the overwhelming joy in all creation—the promise of perfect community with God that we are still waiting for but has been underway already now for a long time.

God often does things in secret. His secret Mysteries are then revealed later when we are ready, when the world is ready to understand. The Epiphany of our Lord was the moment that God revealed the Mystery of the Incarnation of his Son in human flesh, Jesus' conception in his mother, Mary, the secret event that happened months before. People were still looking for the Messiah not knowing he was already among them. The Last Supper was the moment that Jesus revealed, in his own sacrifice, the fulfillment of the Mystery of God's covenant with his people many centuries before. He revealed himself as the lamb of sacrifice whose blood would be the sign for death to pass over us.

The resurrection of Jesus, another secret event, was not revealed until the next day when he appeared to his Apostles and faithful in different ways. They had been locked in their houses fearful of what would come next. A couple of his disciples decided to leave Jerusalem that morning. After all, they witnessed the cruelty of the mob and what they had done in killing Jesus. Who would die next?

The resulting confusion and fear are quite justified. We find ourselves in difficult unpredictable times. We can't control this any more than fly. But we remember: we are not in control. God doesn't do these things according to our plans, but according to his own. Some-

times we might wish he would follow our plan more, but I ultimately know he is God, not me. And it's a good thing, because he knows how to overcome evil, how to rise from the dead, and calls us into his new life for ever. I have no idea how to do that.

Embrace the secret work of God's love in your life, even in moments of suffering, insecurity, anxiety, even loss. We know he is working in all places and situations. We must trust this even if we can't see it right now. This is how God has always worked, without a fanfare or show. Easter joy always comes out of our joining Jesus in his sacrifice of love. It involves a Cross freely accepted. And it is on that Cross with Jesus when he hands on to us his saving mission, to be his body on the Cross only in order to be his glorified body for ever, because of his gift of baptism.

People in the early Church called themselves people of the eighth day, because of this secret and unexpected development in God's creation: God created for six days and rested on the Sabbath, Shabbat, Saturday. But Christ, God the Son rose from the dead on the eighth, the Lord's Day, or Sunday. The work of creation is recreated on Sunday, every Sunday we celebrate resurrection. He is the alpha and the omega, the first day and the last day, the origin and destination for all believers.

Let us learn humility, then, and selflessness because these are the things that allow us to lay down our own entitlements and discover the overwhelming reality of God's love and how we fit in his plan, not how he fits in ours. And let us commit to praying for one another every day, to help those most in need of God's help.

We will hold each other close in prayer and all peoples will get through this time of difficulty together, faithfully in God and to what they know of him. It will be a new day like that day when, between the Cross and the empty tomb, Jesus will call us forth from all our locked places of waiting and suffering into the light and freedom of his love.

The Lord be with you.

*Fr. Dom*

## Dear Saint Bernadette Parishioners,

Happy Easter! The past six weeks have been quite busy at the school. Following the tradition of the Daughters of Wisdom, who staffed our school beginning in 1959, on a daily basis, we seek God's wisdom and look for ways to make Jesus visible through our words and actions. As educators, we walk on the journey to God's kingdom with each child, forming hearts and minds in Christ. This Lent we stressed the importance of using our words to come together as a community, rather than to tear apart. Before speaking, our words should pass through three gates: 1. Is it true?, 2. Is it kind?, and 3. Is it necessary? If the answer to any of these questions is "no," then the words should not be spoken. Parents were encouraged to adopt spiritual habits in their homes that were presented in a diocesan seminar with guest speaker Fr. John Riley. These spiritual habits included: praying a decade of the rosary focused on the sorrowful mysteries; fasting from outrage/gossip/disparaging remarks; making a commitment to visit Jesus daily; reading the Gospels; and during trying times, engaging in recollection practices such as touching a sacramental or pausing for a second to breathe and say a prayer.

Teachers focused lessons on Lenten practices to prepare for Jesus' resurrection. Together we prayed, fasted, and gave alms. Daily we prayed an "Act of Contrition," calling to mind our sins and seeking forgiveness; students in grades 2-8 participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation; our middle schoolers prayed during Holy Hour; and primary students engaged in a spiritual retreat focused on Holy Week. As a prayer community we attended Stations of the Cross to remember the Passion of Christ. The annual re-enactment of the Last Supper and Living Stations occurred on Holy Thursday, led by the fifth grade and eighth grade classes, respectively. Chef Butler prepared meatless lunches each Friday and members of our National Junior Honor Society (N.J.H.S.) contributed to the Parish Lenten Soup Suppers. N.J.H.S. ran a Penny Challenge, raising over \$2200 to benefit St. Jude's

Hospital. In addition, we participated in almsgiving through the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. We each grew over the last six weeks as we actively and thoughtfully participated in the activities leading up to Easter.

Thank you for your continued support, whether through prayer and/or donations of time, talent, or tithe. Know that you are in my prayers, and I ask that you keep me in your prayers. From our school family to yours, may your home be filled with every blessing.

Sincerely,  
Kathie

Kathleen A. Burgess, Ph.D.  
Principal  
Saint Bernadette Catholic School

# cardinal corner



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& MINDS  
IN CHRIST



# youth ministry

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



Young adult check-in link

## Middle School BASH - Saturday, April 25th

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for the Diocese of Arlington BASH at Bishop O'Connell High School! This is an exciting day for more than a thousand middle school students to gather with Bishop Burbidge to celebrate our Catholic Faith! The day includes inflatable games, carnival rides, pizza and ice cream, a message from a nationally known-speaker, entertainment, a Vigil Mass with the Bishop and much more! We will carpool from Saint Bernadette at 2pm, and return around 9pm. To register, pay the \$15 fee online, and turn in a permission form either to the parish office or email to Grace Mee ([gme@stbermpar.org](mailto:gme@stbermpar.org)). The Deadline to register is Friday, April 17, but spots fill up early, so register now! Adult chaperones and drivers are needed.

## Live CLUE Night - Saturday, April 11

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us for a live CLUE night on Saturday, April 11 from 6-8:30pm in the Bradican Room! Just like the board game, visit different rooms, talk to other players, and collect clues. Bring your magnifying glass and notepads! Dinner will be included.

## HS Small Groups

All high schoolers are invited to twice-a-month meetings on Thursdays, 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room for a night of fun games, fellowship, and small group discussions about the Faith. Guys' Small Groups meet on first and third Thursdays; Girls' Small Groups meet on second and fourth Thursdays.

## High School Tuesday Socials

All high schoolers are invited to join us every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm! Meet in the youth room (in the parish office) for games, ice cream, and a discussion on the faith.

## Middle School Youth Ministry - Apr. 15

All 6th-8th graders are invited for games, snacks, and fun every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Meet in the school gym from 6:45-8pm.

## Daily Mass and Donuts - April 21

All high schoolers are invited to take advantage of the FCPS student holiday and join us for 9am daily Mass, followed by donuts and fun in the youth room until 10:30am.

## Workcamp - Adult Volunteers Needed!

All adults of the parish are invited to consider volunteering for Workcamp. We can find a role for anyone willing to help. We are especially in need of contractors with skills in home repairs (no license necessary) and female crew leaders to serve alongside our teens during the week of Workcamp. Please contact our parish Stakeholder, Matthew Frey, for more information - [matthew\\_c\\_frey@yahoo.com](mailto:matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com).

## Young Adults Faith Discussions

All Young Adults are invited to a night of discussion and debate about certain topics, mysteries, and speculations of the Faith. Our next Faith Discussion will be on Sunday, April 19, 6-8pm in the Bradican Room. For any inquiries, contact JP McLaughlin [jpmclaughlin@stbermpar.org](mailto:jpmclaughlin@stbermpar.org).

## Summer Theatre Program for youth save-the-dates

Times and show to be announced soon!

Auditions: May 14-15

Callbacks: May 17

Parent Meeting: May 21

Show Dates: July 23, 24, 25

Strike: July 26



## CYO SPRING SPORTS

### CYO Spring Track & Field Meet Registration now open! Grades 3-8

The spring CYO Track & Field Meet will be May 16. Registration is open until April 21. Registration: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106541/leagues>. Cost is \$18.

CYO is open to children from 3rd-8th grade enrolled in Saint Bernadette School or parish Religious Education.

If you have questions about CYO, please Gina Soriano ([gvsoriano@gmail.com](mailto:gvsoriano@gmail.com)) or Catherine Luby ([catherineeluby@gmail.com](mailto:catherineeluby@gmail.com))

### **RE Program upcoming schedule**

Regular classes: Apr. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29  
Note we WILL hold classes on April 21  
No classes Mar. 31-Apr. 1, Apr. 7-8  
SPRED Classes: Apr. 11, 25  
Sunday Donut Social: Apr. 26  
Family Faith Formation: Apr. 26

### **Volunteers for 2025-2026**

We are still in need of volunteers (assistant catechists, teen catechists, and hall monitors). Please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website <https://stbernapar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>.

### **Sunday Donut Social**

Plan to join us on Sunday, April 26 following the 9am Mass for our last Sunday

## **Building Access for All: A New Elevator for Our Parish School**

Our parish school, proudly serving generations of families since its construction in 1961, has long been a place of learning, faith, and community. As we continue to grow and reflect on our mission, we are called to ensure that our facilities fully welcome and serve every member of our parish community. One important step in that effort is improving accessibility throughout our school building.

Currently, access to the upper floors of our school is limited for individuals with mobility challenges. This creates barriers for students, parents, staff, and visitors who may rely on accessible features to fully participate in school life. In keeping with the principles of inclusion and dignity for all, we are exploring the addition of an elevator to provide access in accordance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

Installing an elevator in a building originally constructed over six decades ago presents both challenges and opportunities. While the structure was not designed with modern accessibility needs in mind, advancements in engineering and thoughtful planning now make it possible to retrofit older buildings in ways that preserve their character while improving functionality. This project would allow all

members of our Catholic parish and school community — regardless of physical ability — to move freely and safely throughout the school.

### **Living the liturgical year**

Donut Social until fall. Parents, enjoy coffee and fellowship while your children make liturgical themed crafts with our volunteers!

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! With the sign of Spring and new life, one way to celebrate Jesus' resurrection is to make a Resurrection Garden with your children. Did you know that Easter season lasts for 7 weeks until Pentecost? That is 50 days, not including Sundays. The Resurrection Garden can mark these days and also continue to grow during the year. The Sunday Eucharist is the memorial of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus -- every Sunday of the year is a mini-Easter! Directions to create a Resurrection Garden can be found here: <https://www.catholicicing.com/resurrection-garden/>.

Beyond compliance with accessibility standards, this initiative reflects our deeper values as a faith-based community. We believe that every individual is created with inherent dignity and deserves equal access to education, worship, and community life. An elevator is more than a mechanical addition; it is a visible commitment to hospitality, inclusion, and care for one another.

We recognize that such a project requires careful planning, financial investment, and community support. In the coming months, we will be evaluating design options, costs, experts and potential funding strategies to ensure that the project meets both practical needs and our shared vision.

We invite you to join us in this important effort. Whether through your ideas, prayers, or support, your involvement will help make our parish school more accessible and welcoming for all — now and for generations to come. Please contact Fr. Don at [frdonrooney@stbernapar.org](mailto:frdonrooney@stbernapar.org) for more information.

Together, we can continue to build a faithful community where everyone can participate and belong.

## **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.

## **lift up a cardinal elevator project**

# “vatican council II through its documents”

10th Catechesis  
March 25, 2026

Pope Leo, in his General Audiences on Wednesdays, is giving a catechesis on Vatican II, sixty years later.



“The Church, therefore, as the communion of the faithful...cannot err in matters of faith: the organ through which this truth is preserved, founded on the anointing of the Holy Spirit, is the supernatural sense of faith of the entire People of God, which is manifested in the consensus of the faithful.”

## II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.

5. “On the foundation of the Apostles. The Church in her hierarchical dimension”

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

We will continue our catecheses on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, commenting on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium* on the Church (LG). After presenting her as the People of God, today we will consider her hierarchical form.

The Catholic Church is founded on the Apostles, whom Christ appointed as the living pillars of his mystical Body, and possesses a hierarchical structure that works in the service of the unity, mission and sanctification of all her members. This sacred Order is permanently founded on the Apostles (cf. *Eph* 2:20; *Rev* 21:14), as authoritative witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus (cf. *Acts* 1:22; *1 Cor* 15:7) and sent by the Lord himself on mission into the world (cf. *Mk* 16:15; *Mt* 28:19). Since the Apostles are called to faithfully preserve the Master’s salvific teaching (cf. *2 Tim* 1:13–14), they hand on their ministry to men who, until Christ’s return, continue to sanctify, guide and instruct the Church “through their successors in pastoral office” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 857).

This apostolic succession, founded on the Gospel and in the Tradition, is explored further in Chapter III of *Lumen gentium*, entitled “On the hierarchical structure of the Church and in particular on the Episcopate.” The Council teaches that the hierarchical structure is not a human construct, functional to the internal organization of the Church as a social body (cf. *LG*, 8), but a divine institution whose purpose is to perpetuate the mission given by Christ to the Apostles until the end of time.

The fact that this theme is addressed in Chapter III, after the first two chapters have considered the very essence of the Church (cf. *Acta Synodalia III/1*, 209–210), does not imply that the hierarchical constitution is a subsequent element with

respect to the People of God: as the Decree *Ad gentes* notes, “the Apostles were the first budding-forth of the New Israel, and at the same time the beginning of the sacred hierarchy” (no. 5), inasmuch as they were the community of those redeemed by Christ’s Paschal Mystery, established as a means of salvation for the world.

To understand the Council’s intention, it is advisable to read carefully the title of Chapter III of *Lumen gentium*, which explains the fundamental structure of the Church, received from God the Father through the Son and brought to fulfilment by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Council Fathers did not want to present the institutional elements of the Church, as the noun “constitution” might imply if understood in the modern sense. The Document concentrates instead on the “ministerial or hierarchical priesthood,” which differs “in essence and not only in degree” from the common priesthood of the faithful, recalling that the latter are “nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ” (*LG*, 10). The Council thus addresses the ministry conferred upon men endowed with *sacra potestas*, sacred power (cf. *LG*, 18) for service in the Church: it focuses in particular on the episcopate (*LG*, 18–27), then on the priesthood (*LG*, 28) and the diaconate (*LG*, 29) as degrees of the one sacrament of Holy Orders.

By the adjective “hierarchical,” therefore, the Council intends to indicate the sacred origin of the apostolic ministry in the action of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as well as its internal relationships. The Bishops, first and foremost, and through them the priests and deacons, have received tasks (in Latin *munera*), which lead them to the service of “all those who belong to the People of God,” so that, “working toward a common goal freely and in an orderly way, [they] may arrive at salvation” (*LG*, 18).

*Lumen gentium* repeatedly and effectively recalls the collegial and communal nature of this apostolic mission, reaffirming that the “duty which the Lord committed to the shepherds of his people is a true service, which in sacred literature is significantly called ‘*diakonia*’ or ministry” (*LG*, 24). We can therefore understand

why Saint Paul VI presented the hierarchy as a reality “born of the charity of Christ, to fulfil, spread and ensure the intact and fruitful transmission of the wealth of faith, examples, precepts and charisms bequeathed by Christ to his Church” (Address, 14 September 1964, in *Acta Synodalia III/1*, 147).

Dear sisters and dear brothers, let us pray to the Lord that he may send to his Church ministers who are ardent with evangelical charity, dedicated to the good of all the baptized, and courageous missionaries in every part of the world.

## Catholic Women’s Group upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. For more information, please email us at [women@stbernapar.org](mailto:women@stbernapar.org).

Tuesday, April 7 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 Tuesday of every month. No need to RSVP.

Our **next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 14** at 7pm in the Bradican Room. Back by popular demand is an evening of chair yoga followed by healthy snacks. Wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. Come enjoy gentle stretching and mindful movement to calm your mind and lift your spirit.

## Mary’s Comfort donor reception

Please join the Mary’s Comfort Board of Directors and Volunteers for a Donor Gratitude Reception, Sunday, April 19 in the Bradican Room, 2 - 4pm. Come to celebrate the lives we’ve touched and learn about our future plans. Current donors or anyone with interest in our program is welcome! RSVP preferred: [maryscomfortva@gmail.com](mailto:maryscomfortva@gmail.com). As always, if you’d like to join our team of dedicated volunteers or make a donation, please visit our website <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> to learn more.

## Parish pilgrimage to Ireland and Scotland enrollment deadline extended - April 1

Join Fr. Don for a unique look at the ancient monastic settlements and saints, and the stunning beauty and faith of Ireland and Scotland. We find the most beautiful places for daily Mass and the local pub with the best music each evening. If you have questions, talk to Fr. Don or contact Peter’s Way Tours, [peter@petersway.com](mailto:peter@petersway.com).

## Building our school legacy

Our school is beginning a project to reconnect generations of students, families, and friends by building our very first **Alumni Community Directory, “Building Our Saint Bernadette School Legacy”**... going all the way back to 1961. Along the way, we’ve been opening old yearbooks, rediscovering class photos, and uncovering incredible memories. Now we need your help to bring those stories to life. Please take a few minutes to update your information on our school website <https://stbernschool.org/building-our-saint-bernadette-school-legacy/>

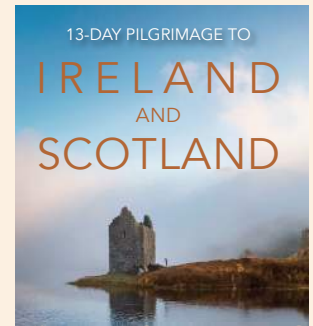
By sharing your information, you’ll help us, reconnect classmates and old friends, celebrate multi-generational families, share alumni stories and milestones and build events and traditions for years to come.

Have an old photo or memory to share? We’d love that too.

Over the coming weeks, keep an eye out for throwback yearbook photos (you might spot yourself), alumni spotlights and invitations to upcoming gatherings. Whether you attended for one year or all nine (now ten), you’re part of this story — and we’d love to reconnect. If know someone we should reach? Forward this email or tag them when you see our posts!

## Divine Mercy Chaplet next weekend

We will have Divine Mercy devotions next Sunday, April 12 at 3pm. All are welcome.



## Parish Offertory

March 29  
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# EASTER SUNDAY

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## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 5, 2026

### PRELUDE

Mass at 9:00

### This Is the Day

Words: Psalm 118; music: Leon C. Roberts.

St. Bernadette Contemporary Choir

All sing

This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
«Let us be glad, be glad, be glad,  
be glad and rejoice in it!»

This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
«Let us be glad, be glad, be glad,  
be glad and rejoice in it!»

«Alleluia! Glory, glory!  
Alleluia, let us be glad!»

Mass at 11:00

### Sing a New Song to the Lord

Words (Ps 118 adapt.) and music: David W. Music

St. Bernadette Adult, Youth  
and Children's Choirs

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
he to whom wonders belong;  
rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power.  
O sing to the Lord a new song!

Now tot he ends of the earth  
see his salvation is shown;  
and still he remembers his mercy and truth,  
unchanging in love to his own.

Sing a new song and rejoice,  
publish his praises abroad;  
let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn,  
resound for the joy of the Lord.

Join with the hills and the sea  
thunders of praise to prolong;  
in judgement and justice he comes to the earth,  
O sing to the Lord a new song!

## ORDER OF MASS

The complete Order of Mass begins on page 107 of United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo (missalette) or at no. 199  
in Gather (hymnal). Prayers and responses of the Mass can also be found inside the front cover of Gather.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### ENTRANCE SONG

Mass at 7:00am and 11:00am

### At the Lamb's High Feast



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King.
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might-y vic - tim from on high, Hell's fierce powers be - neath you lie;
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can sin de - stroy;



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
You have con - quered in the fight, You have brought us life and light;  
From sin's power, Lord, set us free New - born souls in you to be.



Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sa - vior, by whose death we live,

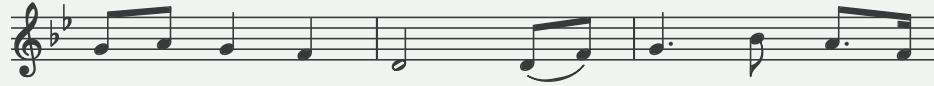


Gives his Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.  
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And in you your saints shall rise.  
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise.

# Three Days



1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the  
 2. Three days— and on the third day, the  
 3. Three days our world was bro - ken and



1. Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he  
 2. wom - en came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was  
 3. in an in - stant healed, God's cov - e - nant of



1. told us who fol - lowed where he led. Would  
 2. emp - ty, his bro - ken bod - y gone. Who  
 3. mer - cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed. Two



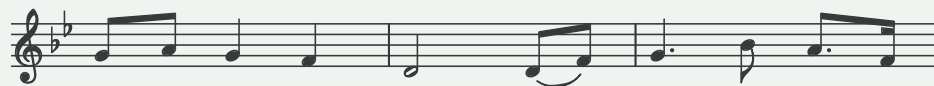
1. we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - 'ry side,  
 2. could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,  
 3. thou - sand years are one day in God's e - ter - nal sight,



1. our Pass - o - ver shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?  
 2. yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes  
 3. and yes - ter - day's sor - rows are this day's de - light.



1. Three days we hid in si - lence, in  
 2. we've seen him at this ta - ble; we've  
 3. Though still Christ's bod - y suf - fers, pierced



1. bit - ter fear and grief. Three days we clung to -  
 2. shared his bread and wine. Hearts burn - ing bright with -  
 3. dai - ly by the sword, yet death has no do -



1. geth - er where he had washed our feet.  
 2. in us, we've seen his glo - ry shine.  
 3. min - ion: the ris - en Christ is Lord!

## GREETING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

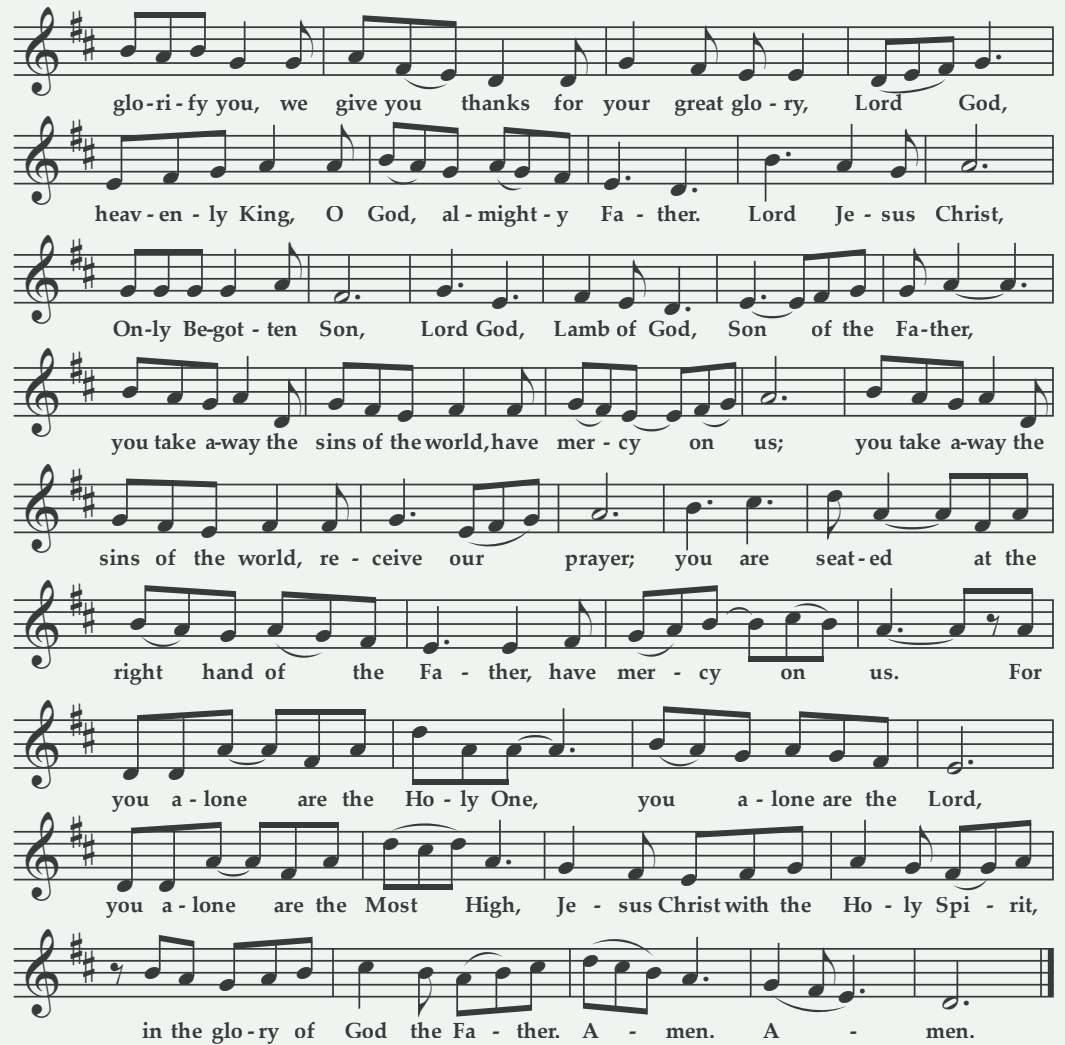
*Mass of Redemption*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good



will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we



glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God,  
 heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
 On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,  
 you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the  
 sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. A - men.

COLLECT  
 (OPENING PRAYER)

## LITURGY of the WORD



*The text of the readings begin page 122 /123 of Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ (missalette).*

FIRST READING  
**Acts of the Apostles**  
**10:34, 37-43**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
**Psalm 118(117):1-2,**  
**16-17, 22-23**



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad;—  
 this is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad.—

SECOND READING  
**1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

SEQUENCE

*Refrain: cantor, then all repeat*



*Verses: choir or cantor*

Christians praise the Paschal Victim,  
Offer thankful sacrifice.  
Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep;  
Christ the Just One paid the price,  
Reconciling sinners to the Father. *Refrain.*

Death and Life fought bitterly  
For this wondrous victory;  
The Lord of life who died  
Reigns glorified! *Refrain.*

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day.  
"The empty tomb of my living Lord!  
I saw Christ Jesus risen, and adored!"  
Bright angels testified,  
shroud and grave-cloths side by side!  
"Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously.  
He goes before you into Galilee." *Refrain.*

Share the good news, sing joyfully: His death is victory!  
Lord Jesus, victor King, show us mercy. *Refrain.*

ALLELUIA  
*cf. 1 Corinthians*  
5:7b-8a



Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us feast then with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL  
**John 20:1-9**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOMILY

RENEWAL of  
BAPTISMAL  
PROMISES

*All the faithful repeat and affirm the rejection of sin made at their baptism and profess faith in the One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

RESPONSE: **I do.**

SPRINKLING  
of the PEOPLE

*Refrain: 1st time, cantor, then all repeat. All sing after each verse.*



*Verses: choir or cantor*

1. I saw water coming from the right side of the temple, alleluia!
2. It brought God's life and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise, alleluia!
3. You are the people God claims as his own to praise him, alleluia, alleluia!
4. He called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, alleluia!
5. Lord Jesus, from your wounded side flowed streams of living water, alleluia!
6. The world was washed of all its sin, and all its life made new again, alleluia!

UNIVERSAL  
PRAYER  
(GENERAL  
INTERCESSIONS)



Xin nhậm lời chúng con, Hear us, O Lord. (Intercessions)  
*(Seen nyum loh-ee choong kawn)*



# LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



SONG during the  
PREPARATION  
of the GIFTS and the ALTAR

Mass at 7:00am and 11:00am

## Easter Alleluia

### Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!

### Verses

1. Glo - ry to God who does won - drous things, Let all the
2. See how sal - va - tion for all has been won, Up from the
3. Now in our pres - ence the Lord will ap - pear, Shine in the
4. Call us, Good Shep - herd, we lis - ten for you, Want - ing to
5. Lord, we are o - pen to all that you say, Read - y to
6. If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord, God will pro -

peo - ple God's prais - es now sing, All of cre - a - tion in  
grave our new life has be - gun, Life now per - fect - ed in  
fac - es of all of us here, Fill us with joy and cast  
see you in all that we do, We would the gate of sal -  
lis - ten and fol - low your way, You are the pot - ter and  
tect us from fire and sword, Fill us with love and the

splen - dor shall ring: D.C.  
Je - sus, the Son:  
out all our fear: Al - le - lu - ia!  
va - tion pass through:  
we are the clay:  
peace of his word:

Mass at 9:00am

## Song at the Empty Tomb, choir

Marty Haugen

INVITATION  
to PRAYER

PRIEST: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable  
to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER over the  
OFFERINGS

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.  
PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
PEOPLE: **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

Mass of Redemption

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-  
 san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.  
 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Redemption

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
 Res - ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

Mass of Redemption

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.  
 A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN of PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING of the BREAD  
Holy Cross Mass

*Cantor or choir:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All:* have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

*To repeat* | *Last time*



INVITATION  
to HOLY  
COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Mass at 9:00 & 11:00, choir  
COMMUNION  
ANTIPHON  
cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION SONG  
**Festival Canticle:  
Worthy Is Christ**



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Mass at 9:00, choir  
**O Risen Lord**  
Words: John Mason Neale  
Music: K. Lee Scott

O risen Lord, O glorious Son,  
now is the mighty battle won:  
Songs of praising we are raising:  
alleluia, alleluia!

After the death that him befell,  
Christ our Lord, has harrowed hell  
Sing with gladness, gone is sadness:  
alleluia, alleluia!

On the third morning he arose,  
shining in vict'ry o'er his foes;  
Earth is singing, heaven is ringing:  
alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of all things lives anew,  
And all his saints are rising, too:  
May our living be thanksgiving:  
alleluia, alleluia!

Mass at 11:00, choir  
**Christ, Our Passover**  
Words: 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8  
Music: Healey Willan

Alleluia.  
Christ, our Passover,  
is sacrificed for us.  
Alleluia.  
Therefore let us keep the feast  
with the unleavened bread  
of sincerity and truth.  
Alleluia.

## CONCLUDING RITES

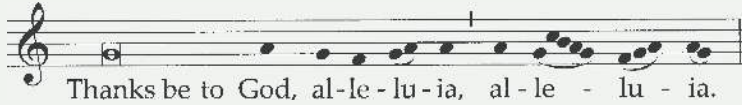
BLESSING

DISMISSAL

DEACON: *Using one of the following formulas:*

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, alleluia, alleluia.

ALL:



SONG *at the*  
SENDING FORTH

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal, as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Pascua 2026

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Jesucristo ha resucitado verdaderamente, aleluya! Con gran alegría les deseo una bendecida Pascua.

En aquella primera mañana de Pascua, el ángel pregunta a las mujeres que habían ido al sepulcro vacío: «¿Por qué buscan entre los muertos al que está vivo? No está aquí, ha resucitado» (Lucas 24, 5). Esta proclamación continúa resonando en el mundo de hoy. Estas palabras nos recuerdan que Cristo está vivo y presente, iluminando toda oscuridad.

La Pascua es el cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios. Por medio de su pasión, muerte y resurrección, nuestro Señor ha abierto el camino hacia una vida nueva. La cruz revela la profundidad del amor de Dios y el sepulcro vacío manifiesta su poder salvador. No hay carga demasiado pesada ni herida demasiado profunda que nuestro Señor no pueda sanar divinamente y así transformar nuestra vida.

La Pascua, por supuesto, no es un solo día, sino un tiempo sagrado. Los animo a comenzar cada día con una fe renovada. Él está vivo, está con ustedes y los guiará, conducirá y protegerá. Con confianza perseverante, encomienden su vida a Él y practiquen y vivan su fe santa católica con constancia y entusiasmo.

Que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Resucitado los bendiga con su paz durante el tiempo pascual y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de Arlington





Easter 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ is truly risen, Alleluia! It is with great joy that I wish you a blessed Easter.

On that first Easter morning, the angel asks the women who had come to the empty tomb: *"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen"* (Luke 24:5). This proclamation continues to echo in the world today. These words remind us that Christ is alive and present, enlightening every darkness.

Easter is the fulfillment of God's promise. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, our Lord has opened the way to new life. The cross reveals the depth of God's love and the empty tomb reveals God's saving power. No burden is too heavy, no wound too deep, that our Lord cannot divinely heal and so transform our lives.

Easter, of course, is not a single day but a sacred season. I encourage you to begin each day with renewed faith. He is alive and with you and will lead, guide, and protect you. With abiding trust, commit your life to him and consistently and enthusiastically practice and live your holy Catholic faith.

May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you with his peace throughout the Easter season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

### April

#### 6 MONDAY

7am † Christine Laser  
9am\* † Teresa Randolph  
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

#### 7 TUESDAY

7am Thanksgiving  
9am\* † Souls in Purgatory  
Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

#### 8 WEDNESDAY

7am Irene Roberts  
9am\* † Constanancio Tomas  
Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

#### 9 THURSDAY

7am † Larry Alfred Wooldridge  
9am\* † Socorro & Francisco Masakayan  
Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

#### 10 FRIDAY

7am † Dioscoro & Elizabeth Abellano  
9am\* †  
10am\*\* † Roger Stroh  
Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

#### 11 SATURDAY

8am † Lionel Gaudin  
Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
5pm\* † Clifford Randolph

#### 12 SUNDAY

7am † Carol Kearney  
9am\* † Terrence Arndt  
11am For the parish  
1pm\* † Marina Rivera  
5pm † Orland Kritlow  
Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

Apr 11	8pm	Fr. James
Apr 12	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Cedric
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

## Parish prayer list

John Yost, Wiofto Helenius, Robert Holzhauser, Adolfo Blandon, Esperanza Ayala, Gloria Tortoriello, Bob Atwell, Charles Roby, Mike Harrison, Kathleen Murray, Alan Curtis, Brian Keller

## Pro-life witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary 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).

## Stewardship resources and reminders: reduce your taxable income!

If you are 70 1/2 and over, consider using your IRA for a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you are 73 and over, consider using some or all of a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as gifts to Saint Bernadette. This is an easy way to reduce your taxable income and benefit the parish. Contact Rick Caporali at or Linda Patterson at the parish office.

## Charitable giving update: legislative changes for 2026 and beyond

Charitable giving under new legislation includes a new universal deduction for non-itemizers and a floor for itemized deductions, alongside corporate and high-income taxpayer impacts. Giving is encouraged by allowing non-itemizers to deduct cash donations up to \$1,000 (single) or \$2,000 (jointly), but it also introduces a 0.5% AGI floor for itemized deductions, caps benefits at 35% for high-income taxpayers, and imposes a 1% income floor for corporate giving.

**For Individual Donors:** Universal Deduction for Cash Contributions Starting in 2026, non-itemizers can deduct cash donations up to \$1,000 (single) or \$2,000 (married filing jointly).

**Itemized Deductions:** Individuals who itemize will now only receive a deduction

for charitable contributions that exceed 0.5% of their adjusted gross income (AGI).

**High Income Taxpayer Cap:** The tax benefit for itemized deductions for wealthy donors will be capped at a 35% marginal rate, regardless of their actual tax bracket.

**Ineligible Donations:** This new universal deduction for non-itemizers does not apply to gifts made to donor-advised funds or private non-operating foundations. The universal deduction is expected to significantly increase participation in charitable giving, as it extends tax benefits to the approximately 90% of taxpayers who do not currently itemize deductions.

## Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Thursday Lunches (April 9 & 23); Tour of George Washington's Alexandria (April 11); Walk at Manassas Battlefield Park (April 15); Orchestral Concert at Schlesinger Hall (April 19); Serving meal at Christ House (April 25); Planet Word Museum (April 25); Dinner in Tysons (April 26); . For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).

## Greetings from PVI Options

The Options program at St. Paul VI Catholic High School is now in its 27th year of providing an inclusive, student-centered Catholic education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you are seeking a faith-based, inclusive high school experience, please reach out to the Deans of Exceptional Learning at [pvioptions@paulvi.net](mailto:pvioptions@paulvi.net) or 703.352.0925 x1314.



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