



## THE SHRINE CHURCH OF *St. Bernadette*

8201 - 13th Avenue

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718-232-7733  
1313 - 83rd Street  
Sr. Josephine Galasso, MPF -  
Director of Religious Education

*Looking for a Catholic community?  
St. Bernadette Church would like to welcome those who are searching for God  
and meaning in their lives.  
You are warmly invited to join us for worship in a faith-filled community.  
Our priests are available for individual consultation.  
Just call the rectory (718 - 837-3400)  
to schedule an appointment.*

### **MASSES:**

Saturday: 8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:00 P.M.  
Daily: 7:00, 9:00 A.M.  
Eves of Holydays: 7:30 P.M.  
Holydays: 7:00, 9:00 & 10:00 A.M.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Monday to Friday: 6:30-6:50 A.M., 8:30-8:50 A.M.  
Saturday: 7:30-7:50 A.M., 1:00 to 2:00 P.M., 4:30-5:20 P.M.

### **DEVOTIONS:**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mon. after the 9:00 A.M.  
Mass. Rosary - Mon.-Sat. after the 9:00A.M. Mass.

### **MARRIAGES:**

Please call the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date to make an appt. with a priest to discuss marriage plans. Please log on to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) for complete information about marriage preparations in the Diocese.

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Friday.  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Legal Holidays.  
Sick Calls Anytime.

### **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

For information and availability options please call:  
(718) 894-4888

### **BAPTISMS:**

Baptisms are scheduled on the Third Sunday of the month at 2:00 P.M. A Preparation Session is required for parents to attend on the Preceding Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Registration of Baptism is necessary prior to preparation and date of Baptism. A Birth Certificate is also needed at the time of registration. Parents are required to make appointment before both the preparation meeting and the date of Baptism.

### **Parish Mission Statement**

We, the faith-filled community of St. Bernadette, under the guidance of our Blessed Mother, pass on our Catholic heritage to future generations by following Christ's example of caring for His people. We accomplish this through the loving actions of welcoming and serving one another's spiritual and social needs.



**Sunday, August 21st**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 John Peloro  
 12:00 Gary Gilroy

**Monday, August 22nd**

7:00 Gaspare Basano  
 9:00 Theresa Giunto

**Tuesday, August 23rd**

7:00 Special Intention Zdenka & Viktor Belic  
 9:00 Dr. Laurence deFazio

**Wednesday, August 24th**

7:00 Joan McInerney  
 9:00 Anthony Accardo

**Thursday, August 25th**

7:00 Special Intention Ricky Ferrigno  
 9:00 Rozalia Matuszewski

**Friday, August 26th**

7:00 Special Intention Irene Bodatalo  
 9:00 In Honor of the Blessed Mother

**Saturday, August 27th**

8:00 Santo Zito  
 5:30 Tommaso Chieco

**Sunday, August 28th**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Nicola Sainato  
 12:00 Ciro & Maddalena Quattrocchio

**Purgatorial Society**

Thomas Terrone  
 Frank Lomangino  
 Dr. Ferdinand Garofalo  
 Candida Medina  
 Marie Francavilla

**PRAY FOR**

Michael Albano	Susan Albi Russo
Anna	Mark Sailor
George Anthony Jr.	Elizabeth Soto
Louis Battaglia	Nicky Taverniti
Debbie Bouroudis	Sally Testa
Sarah Brodine	Joseph Trovato
Cheryl Brown	Weick Family
Nicholas Campanella	Marco Wilen
Marylou Chiarello	Elaine W.
Marie Desiderio	
Brian Dowling	
Josephine Giagnorio	
George Guida	
Marco Jamie Jardina	
Stephen March	
Joseph McKie	
Ann Mogavero	
Nicola Muriale	
Bernadette O'Neill	
Anthony Pelle	
Jon Raugalas	
Gail Reilly	

In the event of recovery or improvement, please contact the rectory. A persons name will be removed after several weeks unless notification to remain is received.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.

**Rest In Peace**

**Frank Anthony Vaccaro III**



**Sunday Collection**

Weekly Goal:  
\$7,500  
Amount Received:  
\$3,110  
Shortfall:  
\$4,390

Such recurring deficits continue to be alarming. Please keep up with your weekly giving.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Msgr. Caserta



Registration for Religious Education 2022-2023 will be on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. at St. Bernadette School on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street (please ring buzzer). Needed is a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate along with a check for \$225 per family for the year. If you have a son/daughter in grades 1 thru 6th we welcome you in our Parish Program. Transferring students need to bring proof of participation in their former Religious Education Program/Catholic School. If you have any further questions regarding our program, please feel free to call (718) 232-7733 or email [religiousedstbernadette@gmail.com](mailto:religiousedstbernadette@gmail.com). Please help spread the word about our program. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 PM. We welcome newcomers!

**Parish Registration**

To our St. Bernadette Community, if you are not already an active and registered parishioner, please stop by the rectory office and speak to Anna to register. If you are not registered, we can not issue any letters of recommendations, or sponsorship certificate, etc.

Thank you.  
Msgr. Caserta

**Announced Mass Book**

ST. Bernadette 2023 Mass Book is now open.  
Hours are as follows:  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
and  
1:00pm-3:30 pm

**\*NO MASSES TAKEN OVER THE TELEPHONE\***

**WORTHY TEACHERS**

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

**St. Bernadette Catholic Academy**

The mission of St. Bernadette Catholic Academy is to educate the whole child, fostering and stimulating in students an awareness of their Baptismal gift of Faith, recognition of their own God-given talents, and to empower students to mature into successful Catholic Christian adult citizens.



**Give the Gift of Education- Be an angel to a student!** As an angel, you enable a student who is at risk financially, to remain in his or her Catholic school. **100%** of your contribution is directed to the tuition, with the parents or guardians contributing their part. Your tax-deductible contributions can be made in honor or in memory of someone you hold dear, while assisting a child who might not otherwise be able to afford the benefit that a catholic school education offers. For further information please contact **St. Bernadette School Principal, Sr. Joan @ 718-236-1560** or **Futures in Education Foundation @ [www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org)**



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

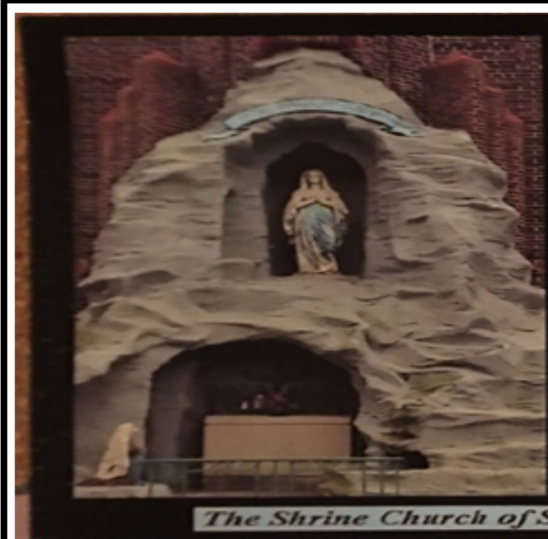
**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima
- Wednesday: St. Bartholomew
- Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
- Saturday: St. Monica



*The Shrine Church of St. Bernadette*  
*- Invites you to pray the Rosary -*  
**Tuesdays**  
*with Our Lady*  
*in the Grotto*  
**7:00pm - 7:45pm**  
**July 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back**

St. Bernadette can share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church **\$50/\$100 per vehicle**. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of **St. Vincent de Paul @ 718-491-2525**

Thank You for your participation.



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:24

## COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

The term “fair-weather friend” might need a technological-era updating. Perhaps “short attention span friend” would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn’t be surprised when we reach out and they’ve moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we’re in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we’re no longer “friended” by God, it’s not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

## FROM EAST TO WEST

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it’s hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah’s words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called “Chosen.” It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God’s freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to all nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah’s initial audience would have been today’s final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob’s sons, Levi. It’s not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God’s mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

## FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel’s prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke’s Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God’s reign. Even being a “pureblood” (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn’t make your final destination a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the “narrow gate” of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 66:18–21  
Psalm 117:1, 2  
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13  
Luke 13:22–30

# To all our SBCA Alumni - This is just for you....

Our Alumni Giving Tree is here!  
Beautifully displayed on our main floor of the school building!

We are so excited about this ongoing fundraiser  
set up just for our alumni and here's how it works:



**\$50 Donation** - purchase of a green leaf with your name and graduating year  
**\$100 Donation** - purchase of a gold leaf "In Memory" or "In Honor" of an alumni's loved one

You may purchase as many leaves as you would like, but given the amount of spacing on the leaves, please provide only one name per leaf. If you would like to purchase a green or gold leaf, simply email [Mrscordi@stbernbk.org](mailto:Mrscordi@stbernbk.org) with the information stated above.

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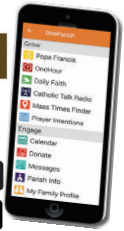
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