

# ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:  
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,  
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,  
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

Rev. Michael Evans, Pastor

Rev. Bill Crowe, Associate Pastor

Senior Deacon Dale Taufer, Retired

Deacon Steve Ellms, Retired

### The Look of Love

What does love look like?  
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.  
It has eyes to see misery and want.  
It has ears to hear  
the sighs and sorrows of others.

- St. Augustine



## THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace.

Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

### Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing;  
God only is changeless.  
Patience gains all things.  
Who has God wants nothing.  
God alone suffices.

- St. Teresa of Avila

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7: 10-14  
Romans 1: 1-7  
Matthew 1: 18-24

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Tuesday: St. Lucy  
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross  
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins



**Dec 18 - Food Gathering** for Guadalupe Center and Loaves & Fishes Pantry San Fernando Valley

**Jan 1- Sandwich Sunday & Diaper**

**Donation** - Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit), diapers, water, socks and blankets will be collected for distribution to those in need.

**Bagged meals etc. will be picked up from the west wall of the Church at 11am ONLY.**

### FOOD GATHERING

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Suggested non-perishable donations:  
cereals, soups, canned meats,  
condiments and oils. Thank you!



### POINSETTIA MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

**Deadline Extended**  
**Wednesday, December**  
**14th!!**

St. Bernardine Parish invites you to make the gift of a Christmas Poinsettia dedicated to the memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones. Poinsettia plants will adorn our worship space throughout the holiday season. A contribution of \$15 or more is being asked for each tribute. To request a plant, please pick up a form either at the back of the church or from our Parish Office. Forms are due by Wednesday, December 14, and can be dropped off in the Parish office or the Mass collection baskets.



### ADOPT A FAMILY

This Christmas, St. Bernardine will again join other area parishes and participate in the Catholic Charities Guadalupe Community Center Adopt A Family Program. Over the past 32 years, St. Bernardine parishioners have shared the joy of Christmas with less fortunate families in our community.

**Justice and Peace Committee**  
**volunteers will be available after**  
**all Masses the weekends of**  
**December 11th and 18th**

to provide information and accept donations of money or toys.

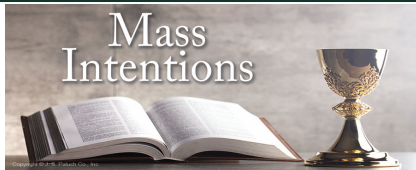
Approximately 300 families are currently registered to receive gift cards and toys. Please consider donating early.



### **SIMBANG GABI**

Join us as we celebrate Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition on  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at**  
**7:00 PM** at  
**St. Bernardine of Siena.**





## December 10 thru December 18, 2022

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Kathy Norton+

### SUNDAY

7:00 am St. Bernardine Community

8:30 am Al Chiappetta+

10:00 am The Agustin Family+

11:30 am Leroy F. Coleman+

5:00 PM Linda Donathan

### MONDAY

6:30 am Bonny Lee

8:30 am Emma Rammage

### TUESDAY

6:30 am PRIESTS INTENTIONS

8:30 am Edith Haworth+

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Rhea De Juan+

8:30 am James Michael Sampson+

### THURSDAY

6:30 am PRIESTS INTENTIONS

9:30 am Noel Torres+

### FRIDAY

6:30 am Nancy Kane+

8:30 am Andrew & Jessie Sanchez+

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Rudy Vlasak+

### SUNDAY

7:00 am St. Bernardine Community

8:30 am Tim Hicks+

10:00 am Len Csiszar+

11:30 am Jeremy Pele

5:00 PM Andrew & Jessie Sanchez+

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Confessions will take place on  
**Tuesday, December 13th** from  
**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in the church.

Extended confession hours will take  
place on **Saturday, December 17th**  
**from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.**

There will be no confessions on  
Saturday, December 24th.

## GIFTS FOR THE SPIRIT

Parish Gift Shop  
Symbol of the Wreath

The Christmas wreath has decorated many a door with fresh greenery. Wreaths are often made of evergreens, including holly, mistletoe, pine, and fir.

Because they are green and bear fruit in the winter when other plants appear lifeless and bare, evergreens signify God's immortality and everlasting life. The wreath's circular shape reminds us of the cycles of life, family, and love. Your gift shop has advent wreaths and candles, Christmas cards, nativity sets, Christmas cards, ornaments and pins. Come see what we have in store for you.



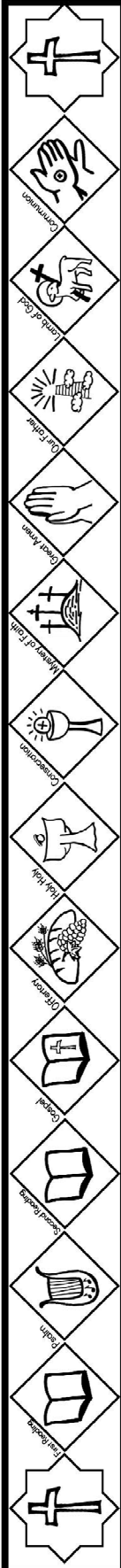
## We pray for the sick and remember the intentions of the parish:

Ed Cheney, Tirana McFarland, Trudy Pietrolungo, Jeremy Pele, Joseph Culliton, Paul Schwake, Michael Schwake

Please pray for the happy  
repose of all souls:



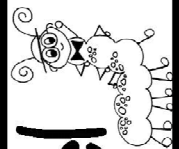




Countdown  
to Jesus'  
Birthday...

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Sundays!



# Gospel

John the Baptist was a great man and people thought he might be God. He told them that a greater man was coming. They were waiting for Jesus!



## FAITH FORMATION

Parents, please plan to join your children for the Christmas Faith Celebration on December 13th at 4:45PM. This will be our last class before Christmas break.

### JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION

GRADES 6, 7 & 8 -

Questions?

Contact Alejandra

[youthministry@stbernardine.org](mailto:youthministry@stbernardine.org)

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Year 1, Sunday Faith Day  
Sunday, December 11, 2022  
3:15pm in Parish Hall  
5-6pm Mass

Year 2, Sunday Faith Day  
Sunday, December 18, 2022  
3:15pm in Parish Hall  
5-6pm Mass

Questions? Contact Alejandra Gasser at  
[youthministry@stbernardine.org](mailto:youthministry@stbernardine.org)

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". - Romans 15:13*

### Youth Ministry Nite

Wednesday, December 14, 2022  
from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

These nights include fun games, snacks, a discussion on our faith, prayer, and service projects.

All High School teens are welcome!

Contact Alejandra Gasser at  
[youthministry@stbernardine.org](mailto:youthministry@stbernardine.org)

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2022

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

3:00 PM - Children's Choir

5:00 PM - Vigil Choir

10:00 PM - Joy of the Harvest

Livestream of the 3PM Mass  
is available at: <http://facebook.com/StBofSiena>  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/stBernardineofSienaCatholicParish1962>

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

7:00 AM - Cantor/Accompanist

8:30 AM - Choir

10:00 AM - Cantor/Accompanist

11:30 AM - Cantor/Accompanist

There will be no 5:00 PM Mass

#### NEW YEARS EVE MASS

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM

#### NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

Sunday, January 1, 2023

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM

11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION / ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. BERNARDINE



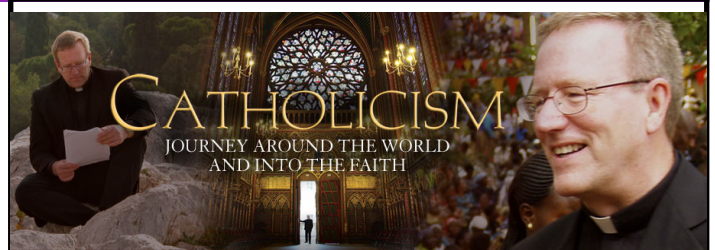
### Are you being called to “Confirm” your Catholic faith?

If you are over 18 years old and have been baptized and received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, we offer the Adult Confirmation Process.

Please come to our information/orientation meeting on Tuesday night, January 10, 2023, from 7-9 PM, in the Parish Hall.

We will discuss our multi-session adult spiritual journey which will prepare you to be confirmed here at St. Bernardine in April 2023.

If you are interested, please complete and return the enrollment forms at “Adult Confirmation” at [www.stbernardine.org](http://www.stbernardine.org). Questions, please contact Bob Nicholas (818) 340-2087 or [bnicholas@stbernardine.org](mailto:bnicholas@stbernardine.org). Won't you join us!



### THE CATHOLICISM FILM SERIES

Bishop Robert Barron presents,  
Bob Nicholas hosts

**Sessions are in the Parish Hall  
Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 PM**

Wednesday, December 14 - 20th Session  
“Pivotal Players” - St. John Henry Newman

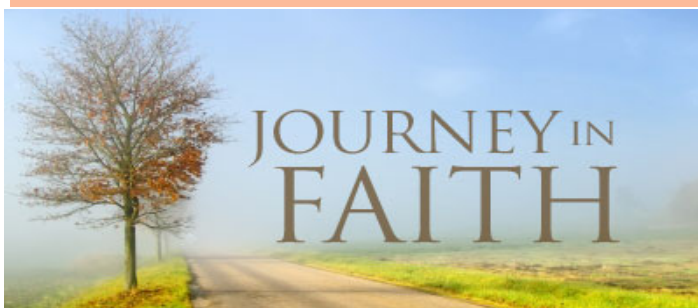
Wednesday, December 21 - 21st Session  
“Pivotal Players” - Fulton Sheen



**THE CHOSEN  
THURSDAYS  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Parish Hall**

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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**PROGRAM!**

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022**  
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**10:00 AM MATINEE**  
**6:00 PM EVENING**  
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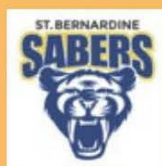
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**WHY IS IT?**

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**Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil) (also livestreamed)**

**Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am  
& 5:00pm**

**Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:30am**

**Private Prayer - Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm**

### Confessions

**Saturdays: 9:00 to 10:00am**

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**Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00 pm**

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