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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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Rev. Michael Evans, Pastor

Rev. Bill Crowe, Associate Pastor

Senior Deacon Dale Taufer, Retired

Deacon Steve Ellms, Retired

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

It is good to be children
sometimes, and never better
than at Christmas.

- Charles Dickens



GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation - God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.



Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you
deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your will.

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1: 1-16

John 1: 1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas
Eve)



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, proteins like canned meats (Dinty stew meat, etc), condiments and oils. Thank you!

GIFTS FOR THE SPIRIT Parish Gift Shop

Legend has it... that pine cones symbolize eternity. Because of their abundance in the forest, they were often used as natural decorations. Molds were developed by early European glass blowers to produce pinecones as glass Christmas tree ornaments.

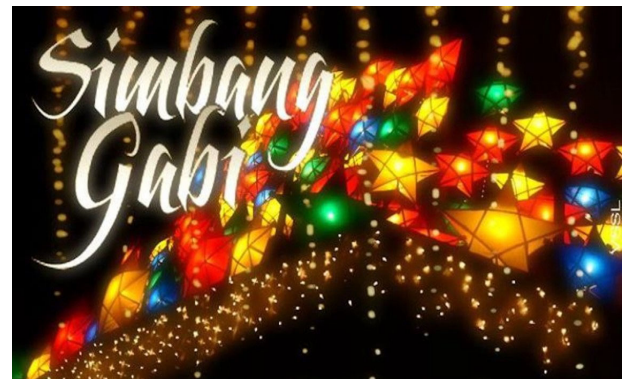
The gift shop has Christmas cards to remind us of the gift of the birth of Christ, our Savior, as well as nativity sets, gifts, ornaments, jewelry, crosses, and some advent candles. Please keep us in mind.



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 this weekend 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.

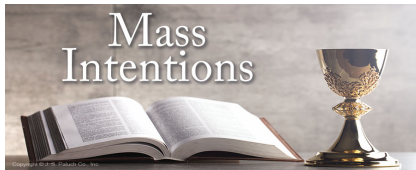


SIMBANG GABI

Join us as we celebrate Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition on **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

7:00 PM at

St. Bernardine of Siena



December 17 thru December 25, 2022

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+

MONDAY

6:30 am Joseph Lee

8:30 am Teresita Duban

TUESDAY

6:30 am PRIESTS INTENTIONS

8:30 am Kat Giroux Bruce+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Abner Cordero+

8:30 am James Michael Sampson+

THURSDAY

6:30 am PRIESTS INTENTIONS

8:30 am John McGovern+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Tirana McFarland

8:30 am Alex & Violeta Sinavsky (Anniversary)

SATURDAY

3:00 pm St Bernardine Community

5:00 pm St. Bernardine Community

10:00 pm St. Bernardine Community

SUNDAY

7:00 am St. Bernardine Community

8:30 am St. Bernardine Community

10:00 am St. Bernardine Community

11:30 am St. Bernardine Community

No 5:00 pm Mass

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

Trudy Pietrolungo, Jeremy Pele, Joseph Culliton, Paul Schwake, Michael Schwake, Carlos Madrid, Maria Giammatteo

Please pray for the happy repose of all souls: Susan Madrid, Timothy McNease



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

No Communal Penance Service on
Saturday, December 24

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS 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>

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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

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM

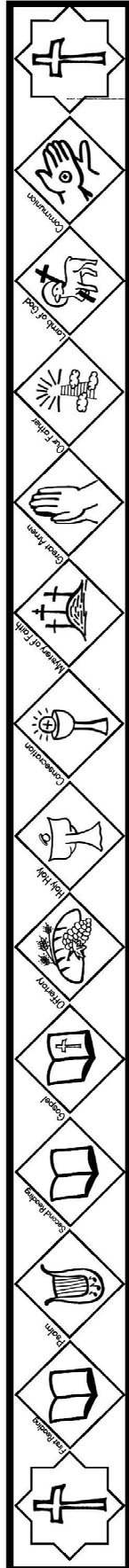
NEW YEARS DAY

Sunday, January 1, 2023

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

11:30 AM & 5:00 PM





Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

1

Sunday!

10 5 19 21 19

You are to
name him

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Gospel

An angel visited Joseph in a dream. The angel told him that Mary would have a son. Listen to the Gospel to hear the angel's message.

FAITH FORMATION

Thank you for all our families who joined us for our "All Aboard for Christmas" Faith Celebration last week. We had a wonderful time learning about "JESUS IS THE LIGHT!" and learning to tell the Christmas story with our special snack mix.

Enjoy your Christmas break! A reminder: **No Class December 20 - Jan 3rd. Classes resume on January 10th and include our Epiphany Faith Celebration at 4:45 PM.**

JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6, 7 & 8 -

Questions?

Contact **Alejandra**

youthministry@stbernardine.org

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

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

Questions? Contact **Alejandra Gasser** at
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

**NO MEETINGS DECEMBER 21 & 28,
AND JANUARY 4, 2023**

*Have a
Blessed Christmas!*

Contact **Alejandra Gasser** at
youthministry@stbernardine.org



St. Bernardine of Siena Parish Financial Results November 2022

Donations	64,994	Sundays, Holy Days, Easter, Christmas
Restricted Donations	3,815	Maintenance Fund
Fall Festival	28,000	2022 Fall Festival
Others	5,988	Sacraments, Educational, miscellaneous
Total	102,797	
Staff	61,597	Salary & Benefits
Utilities	12,026	Electricity, water, gas
Building Maintenance	9,149	Building & equipment repair and maintenance
Operational Expenses	5,751	books and periodicals, postage, bank fees, postage, Office supplies, etc
Insurance	10,251	Property, Auto, General Liability, Student Accident, Art
Others	16,326	Church expenses, rectory, educational program, parish assesment
Total	115,100	
Net	(12,302)	

ADULT FAITH FORMATION / ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. BERNARDINE



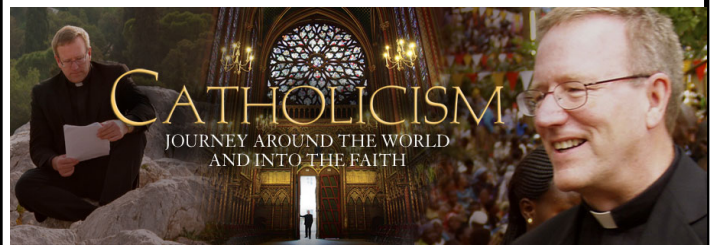
Are you being called to “Confirm” your Catholic faith?

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. Questions, please contact Bob Nicholas (818) 340-2087 or 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 21 - 21st Session
“Pivotal Players” - Fulton Sheen



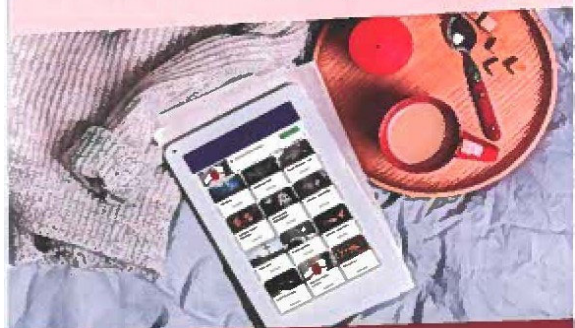
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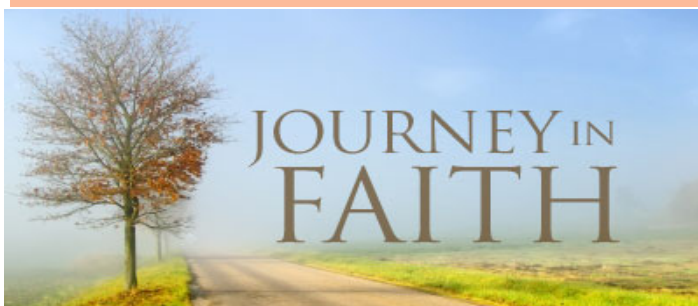
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022



10:00 AM MATINEE

6:00 PM EVENING





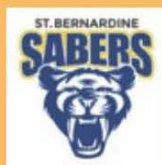
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**Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am
& 5:00pm**

Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:30am

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

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