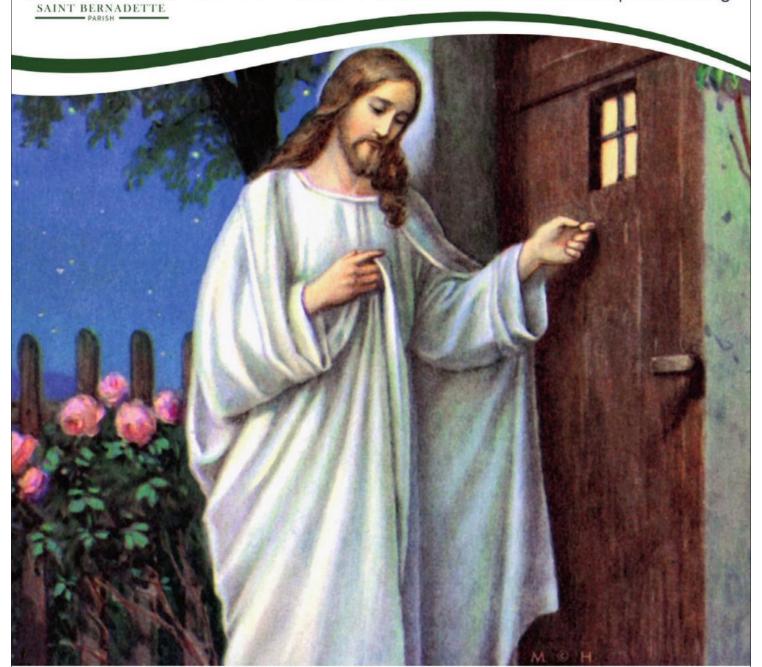
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 10, 2025

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WHOM THE MASTER FINDS VIGILANT ON HIS ARRIVAL.

St. Bernadette Church August 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Father Phil has asked me to start the monthly "Vicar's Voice" column. He shared with me that he wanted this column to be focused on the topics of evangelization and youth ministry.



That said, I thought I would offer a simple reflection on what evangelization actually is and what it is not. Sometimes, evangelization can be confused with catechesis. Catechesis is what takes place when one learns intellectual knowledge about God and/or the faith. Learning about the Sacraments, the Mass, or different attributes of God constitutes catechesis. On the other hand, evangelization is what happens when one is introduced to the person of Jesus Christ in a personal way. **Put another way, catechesis is knowing** *about* **God while evangelization is** *knowing* **god**.

In the early 2000's Pope Saint John Paul II (JPII) declared that the Church was in a need of a New Evangelization. Often, this is thought of as a longing or desire for the whole world to be evangelized. This was not the case. The New Evangelization that JPII was referring to was his sense that the Church was filled with Catholics that knew a lot about Jesus but did not necessarily know Jesus in a personal, radical, and meaningful way. Personal relationship is the most meaningful connection that we have as human beings. We don't generally fall in love with ideas or concepts; we fall in love with persons. Our faith is not simply based on a set of rules or ideas. It is based on three Persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - that make up one God. To be evangelized means that we know and fall in love with those Persons so much that the only thing that we can do is tell the whole world about them. This is the point of the New Evangelization: that Catholics fall in love with the Lord so much that they cannot help but tell the rest of the world the reason for their joy.

May we allow our hearts to be opened to the various opportunities to be evangelized here in our parish in the coming months, including: Sr. Donna's bible studies, the Heart and Harvest Festival, our PSR program, our Day School, our Eucharistic Devotions weekend, our OCIA program, our various music programs under the direction of Brook Benedict, our youth ministry programs, our men's and women's ministries, our monthly First Friday and First Saturday Devotions, and of course, the source and summit of our faith, the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass.

Peace,

Fr. Joe

#### + Intentions for the Week +

#### Monday, August 11, Saint Clare, Virgin

9:00 Deceased Members of the Adams, Stroh & Steadley Families

Tuesday, August 12, Weekday

8:00 Victoria Mendoza

Wednesday, August 13, Weekday

9:00 Francesco Elvira DeIuliis

### Thursday, August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 Special Intention– Kevin, Mary Sarah & Baby McBride

5:00 Robert Licursi and Mary Carosielli

### Friday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Shizue Miller

12:00 For the Health of Dr. Edgar Tolentino

7:00 Catherine A. Weir

#### Saturday, August 16, Weekday

8:00 Lacey Wrabel

5:00 Margaret Schumacher

### Sunday, August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Pearse Kearns

11:30 Joseph Racco, Jr.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <u>a</u> <u>holy day of obligation</u>, will be celebrated on Friday, August 15th. Mass times are: Thursday, August 14th, 5:00PM Vigil and Friday, August 15th, 9:00AM, Noon and 7:00PM.



#### WEDDING BANNS

III Brendan Hicks and Julia Dreher II Paul Etzler and Wendy Mask I Timothy Halsmer and Veraniz Vazquez

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#### **Attention PSR Families**

Registration is open and ongoing through September 15th. Please make sure that you register your child by this time so we can make arrangements for materials necessary for the school year. There will be no homeschooling offered this school year. Registration forms are available on the parish website or in the Parish Office. There is a very important informational meeting on August 20th at 6:30-7:00PM for Grades 1-5 and 7:00-7:30PM for Grades 6-8 in the Community Room. Teachers will be present for you to meet and answer any questions. The first day of PSR will be Monday, September 15th. Contact Liz Hajduk at psrprincipal@stbern.net with any questions.





#### Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project Update

Our next volunteer day is August 16th. Please reach out to Richard Klingshirn at 216.406.4879 or richard.klingshirn@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in getting involved.

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