



Diocese of Cleveland

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 26, 2025

Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church.

Please join in prayer and appreciation for the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland who minister to us and for more vocations to the priesthood.

Dear Parish Family,

Is Revenge Ever Justified? Recently, a government official was asked to name his favorite biblical text. He replied, “*An Eye for an Eye and a Tooth for a Tooth*. (Exod 21:24) This statement of Mosaic Law in ancient Israel served as a “guideline” for judicial authorities (judges) to provide fair punishment in legal cases; neither too harsh nor too lenient. This Old Testament **civil law** guarded against excessive retaliation. It never gave permission for individual persons to seek revenge.



Unfortunately, this is one of the most misunderstood texts with some exploiting it as scriptural endorsement for revenge! The Bible places it in “civil law,” the aim of which was to find a balance, meaning the offender’s punishment cannot exceed the crime.

In fact, there is no indication that this law of “Eye for an Eye” was followed, nor is there biblical testimony that an Israelite was maimed as punishment for injuring another in the same way. Most crimes were repaid with payment in goods or with work, eg. stealing a lamb resulted in replacing a lamb or working for the owner for a suitable time. Capital crimes were addressed with execution in ancient Israel but heard by a judge and based on multiple witnesses. (Deut 17:6-7)

In Jesus’ time, perhaps 1300 or more years after the law was given to Moses, the application of the law deteriorated into individuals feeling justified to “respond in kind” to any form of hurt, insult, etc. Pettiness reared its ugly head! It still does.

The Gospels offer multiple examples of Jesus addressing personal hostility, anger, self-importance, etc. Jesus never denied the need for justice in society, but He practiced and taught a merciful approach in His personal relationships, eg. Zaccheus, Peter’s Denial, Prodigal Son, etc. In **Matthew 5: 38ff**, Jesus acknowledged the “Eye for an Eye...” but follows with, “**But, I say to you...**” and offers **His teaching on Retaliation...** a read worth your time.

As God is both just and merciful, Paul writes in Roman 12:19, “*Do not take revenge...leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written, ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay’ says the Lord.*”

Perhaps Paul suggests that, as brothers and sisters of Christ, we need to let go of revenge and let God be God.

Sister Donna Marie

Please note: Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, October 27, Weekday

9:00 Audrey Wodzisz

Tuesday, October 28, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 Bill Bine

Wednesday, October 29, Weekday

9:00 Tom Wenzel

Thursday, October 30, Weekday

8:00 Jackie Lewis

Friday, October 31, Weekday

9:00 Joseph M. McKenna

Saturday, November 1, All Saints

8:00 Margaret C. Corrigan (Anniv)

4:00 Angela Milano

Sunday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Living & Deceased Members of the Bivens Family

11:30 All Souls Intentions

Attention Lectors: Lector books for 2026 are available for pick-up in the Parish Office.

Please pray for: Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Bruce Betz; Frank Stepic; Tom Howard; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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**First Friday Adoration
November 7, 2025**

**Mass 9:00 AM; Adoration 10AM-5PM;
Benediction 5:00 PM**

**Two guardians are needed each hour
between 10:00AM-5:00PM. Please call the Parish
Office to sign-up.**

**First Saturday, November 8, 2025
8:00AM Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Confession.**

A special Mass of the Feast of All Souls Day will be celebrated on **Friday, November 7th at 7:00PM** to remember all those who have entered into eternal life with Christ. The Mass will also be livestreamed from the parish website. This liturgy highlights the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection; his victory over sin and death. The names of all those who have been buried from St. Bernadette this past year will be read at this liturgy. Our faith assures us that praying for and to those who have died strengthens our relationship with them. We invite you to join us for this very special day of prayer! All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate in this liturgy! There will be a gathering in the Community Room after Mass for light refreshments and fellowship.

The parishes we support, Blessed Trinity, LaSagrada, and St. Stephen (our sister parish), were very happy to hear they will receive gift cards once again to help purchase what they need to make the holidays memorable.

With these gift cards, they are then able to purchase gifts, food for holidays, etc., and choose sizes and colors appealing to them. Walmart, Target, and Marc's are most beneficial to them as these stores are close to them if they need to walk or take public transportation.

We distribute the cards on December 10th, therefore, we are asking for your donations by December 8th. Cash donations are always appreciated and will be used to purchase gift cards through our parish program, which benefits our school and church.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. God has blessed this parish immensely with very caring people. We can show our gratitude by helping others during the Christmas season, not only with gifts, but prayers! May God shower you and your family with continued blessings!



Mass Time Feedback



Name _____

Email (optional) _____

Cell Phone (optional) _____

What Mass do you typically attend?

_____ Saturday Vigil (4PM/5PM)

_____ Sunday 8AM

_____ Sunday 9:45AM

_____ Sunday 11:30AM

Proposed Sunday Mass Times

In planning for the future of our parish, taking into account Bishop Malesic's pastoral letter, considering future availability of clergy and hoping to create more vibrant liturgies by bringing more of the parish together on Sunday morning,

**The new proposed Sunday Mass schedule is
8:30AM and 10:30AM.**

Do you support this Sunday Mass time proposal?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Confession Time

Currently confessions are held an hour before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

_____ Leave it as is...before Saturday Mass.

_____ I would like a weeknight time periodically.

_____ I would like it earlier on Saturday.

_____ I do not go to confession at St. Bernadette

**Please detach and return to the Parish Office by
October 26th.**

By supplying your email and/or cell phone number, you are allowing St. Bernadette to add you to it's email/texting platforms for periodic communications.



Saint Bernadette Parish 75th Anniversary

Gala



Westwood Country Club
Saturday, November 8, 2025
6:00PM
Cocktail attire



Dinner, a Selection of Wines and Beers, Music and Friendships New and Old await your presence.

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Please return this portion to the Parish Office with your payment by Friday, October 31, 2025.

Name(s): _____

\$75.00/ per person # Tickets: _____

(To make this opportunity available for all choosing to attend, the parish will absorb costs for the gala over and above the ticket price.)

I would like to be seated with:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ | *Tables of 8 or 10 are available. |

Dinner Selection:

Chicken Piccata _____# Beef Medallion Tenderloin _____# Vegetarian Gorgonzola Purse _____#

****You may also purchase tickets on our website via PayPal.**

Cooking Classes are back!

The next class will be a demonstration on how to make Creamed Cipollini Casserole and Butternut Squash Soup! Dinners you'd enjoy for Thanksgiving!



By: Mary Kay Wysong

Saturday, November 8th in Dempsey Hall from 10:00 AM – Noon

Fee: \$10.00 – Lunch Included; Payable at Parish Office. Reservations are a must as food is being served to the group. Register by Tuesday, November 4th. Capacity of 20!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

St. Bernadette School



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Knights of Columbus at St. Bernadette

Hello autumn! We hope you are enjoying the cool weather, and beautiful leaves. We also hope you can join us for our next Knights of Columbus event, a special discussion with Bridget O'Callahan, Executive Director of Womankind (see www.womankind-cleveland.org), as she discusses the activities of Womankind and how they change (and save) lives. **Please join us Sunday, November 2nd in Dempsey Hall at 5:00PM.** We will have a light dinner and discussion starting at 5:30PM. All are welcome!

And gentlemen, want a great Christmas gift to Jesus? Join our Knights of Columbus, since it is better to give than to receive! Next meeting open to all Catholic men is November 3rd in Dempsey Hall. Rosary at 6:30PM, meeting at 7:00pm. Call Paul for more details! 216.533.0147. Vivat Jesus!

Please Note: The Holiday Mart has been postponed for the year. We plan on revamping our show and we will see you in the Spring!

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The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. You may bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are October 29th and November 12th.***



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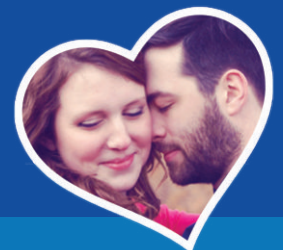
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