

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and yellow clouds, with a bright sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, the silhouettes of three crosses of varying heights are visible against the bright sky, set on a dark hillside with some trees.

He is Risen

St. Bernadette Parish

April 1, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mike

In this Easter edition of our parish bulletin, we want to acquaint visitors and any new members of our community to our parish activities and ministries, as well as re-acquaint everyone to the wonderful gifts of St. Bernadette Catholic Church. From our school to the various areas of ministry and service, we are a parish community dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel through living our lives together as a people of faith. I invite all of you to recognize the good work of our parish, and pray about your role in building this community of faith shared in Jesus Christ.

I am very happy to enjoy Easter with everyone again this year. As a priest, this is truly Easter for me: to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray together, and to be able to experience God's blessings with all of you.

In our prayers this Easter season, let us remember all of our family and friends. Pray especially for anyone who may be feeling the burden of loneliness or sadness at this time. May our presence in their lives and our prayer for them bring comfort and allow the experience of encountering Christ. May all of us accept the gift of the Risen Christ and share that joy with all those we meet.

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Parish Office

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Friday, 8:30 am—12:30 pm
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Parish School

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm
Weekday Masses call the parish office

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael H. Wright
Pastoral Assistant for Administration: Diana Mastandrea
Pastoral Assistant for Religious Education: Angela Croypley
Secretary: Shelly Coggeshell
Bookkeeper: Teresa Mansanarez
Organist: Roger Berger
Choir Director: Peter Michaud

Administration

The parish office is a place of constant activity. Whether by phone or by door, we are most often the first contact with parishioners and non-parishioners, serving their needs. The parish office administrative staff directly supports all parish groups, programs, and activities, from calls for St. Vincent de Paul assistance to selling Scrip for the parish school. We are the business office for the details of parish life. Here is some of what we do...

We attend to the communication efforts of the Parish: the Sunday bulletin, the parish website, and the parish app. Through these media, we publicize information for all parish activities and events, in addition to information from the Archdiocese of Seattle and other parishes. We strive to keep our parishioners informed of the opportunities of the wider Church of Western Washington.

All parish financial activity is processed through the parish office: collection counting and recording, paying the bills for all departments including parish, school, Parents Club, Athletics, and scrip, and payroll services for all parish and school staff. Monthly income statements and balance sheets are prepared, as well as end-of-the-year tax statements for parishioners.

Our office staff directs much attention to scheduling. We maintain the parish master calendar to avoid conflicts and promote coordination. Use of the parish hall is arranged through the office. Eucharistic Minister and altar server schedules are created here. Special Mass intentions are set. We keep sacramental records as mandated by the Catholic Church.

There are two widespread campaigns that take place every year: the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal in May and the Stewardship of Treasure renewal in November. Both programs require us to attend training sessions, coordinate mailings, and record all information into our parishioner data base.

*The Parish Staff wishes you joy in the
Miracle of Easter!*

*Fr. Mike,
Diana, Carol, Angela, Teresa,
Shelly, Mike, Roger, Peter and Eva*



Christian Formation

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Program offers a family-centered approach to religious education. Large group gatherings center on a seasonal theme where families learn and grow together. The program includes liturgy, scripture, theology, prayer, small community catechesis, and activities to encourage families to live faithfully at home.

Religious Education for Children

Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Faith Formation Center. New students are welcome at any time. In a coordinated effort with St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vacation Bible School welcomes children for one week every August. Students from PreK through 4th grade, engage in a variety of activities to help them come to know the love of God.

Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (RCIA and RCIC)

We have a dedicated and knowledgeable team of leaders who are here to answer your questions about living with faith, the teachings of the Church, and the process of becoming Catholic. Classes meet on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center. Guests and friends are always welcome. Classes adapted for children are offered on Sunday mornings and after school during the school year.

Parish Groups

Parish Finance Council

The Finance Council is a consultative body that provides the parish with advice concerning the stewardship of fiscal resources. This group develops and oversees the annual parish budget process. Current fiscal status reports are analyzed and studied, noting directions and trends.

Faith Formation Commission

Our newly formed Faith Formation Commission assesses the needs of our community and develops a faith formation program that addresses the diversity of our parish.

School Commission

The purpose of the School Commission is to advise and support the principal in the operation of the parish school. This diverse group assesses the needs of the school community, evaluates the effectiveness of the school in education and formation, and recommends policies and planning for school operations.

Athletics

Our Parish Athletic Association, in conjunction with CYO, organizes teams and volunteer coaches for all sports: soccer, cross country, basketball, and baseball. Volunteers work tirelessly to prepare the Annual Italian Dinner, the biggest fundraiser of the year.

St. Bernadette Seniors

All parishioners age 55+ are encouraged to join this active group! Our Seniors pray together at Mass, host multiple potlucks throughout the year, and collect items for our food pantry. The Seniors support all parish and school activities.

Ministries and Services

Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers serve the Body and Blood of Christ at all Masses. *Lectors* proclaim the Word of God. *Cantors and choirs* enhance the liturgy with instruments and songs. Beginning at grade 4, all children are encouraged to become *altar servers*. Sacristans work 'behind the scenes' to prepare the hosts, wine, and prayer books for the celebration of Mass. *Ushers* escort people to their seats, pass the collection baskets, and distribute the parish bulletins.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are ready to serve at all times, bringing Our Lord to those who are sick or homebound. Some visit parishioners in their homes, while others minister to the residents at Burien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A Sunday morning Word and Communion Service is conducted at the El Dorado Retirement Community.

Tribunal Advocacy

If you are legally divorced and want to petition the Tribunal for a Declaration about your marriage, an advocate is available to assist you with the paperwork. This can be a healing process which can help provide closure and begin your readiness to marry again. All information is kept confidential.

Funerals

Funerals are arranged through the parish office. We are here to help you with planning the funeral Mass and any other needs that you may have in your time of grief. Our *Funeral Reception Committee* provides refreshments for family and friends in the parish hall after the liturgy.

St. Vincent de Paul

Our dedicated volunteers provide assistance to the needy in our parish community with food, housing, utilities, gas, etc. This is accomplished through the generous donations of our parishioners. For the past few years, our Conference has been the recipient of a grant from the City of Burien to assist with housing for those facing homelessness or eviction. There is a food pantry located in the parish office where bags of essential items are prepared for the hungry. A special item of the week is noted in the weekend bulletin to keep the shelves stocked with necessary supplies.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization engaged in local and global charity. We have an active council at St. Bernadette Parish that is always ready to assist with our needs. They change the pew song books every November in preparation for the new liturgical year. They cook community breakfasts in the parish hall to support our parish school and seminarian formation – Breakfast with Santa is very popular! The Knights help organize the annual parish picnic.

Church Cleaning Teams

Groups of volunteers take turns keeping God's house clean and shiny! Additional volunteers are always welcome.

Church Environment

Altar clothes are changed to reflect each liturgical season. Plants are watered and flowers are arranged in vases. Christmas and Easter require special attention.

Community Outreach

During Advent/Christmas, our parish participates in the Giving Tree project: gifts are collected for residents of Burien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, children of St. Francis House, and teens in juvenile detention. Meal-in-a-Bag is distributed to the needy in our area. In February we conduct a parish clothing drive, collecting items for men, women, teens, and children to be directly donated, not sold.

Welcome the new members of our community who this weekend have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist:

**Emily Brown, Elijah Vasquez-Counts, Patricia Glenn,
Jordan Howe, Kennedy Howe, Erika Munoz,
Marisol Quin-Paz, Martin Quin-Paz, Alexa Perez**

Congratulations

Parish School

St. Bernadette Parish School has 190 students learning in a faith-filled environment. In addition to grades Kindergarten through 8, we have an all-day Early Learning Program for preschool (3 years old) and prekindergarten (4 years old) children. Along with the basic subjects, our school provides classes in music, PE, computers/information skills, and library. St. Bernadette School also offers opportunities for band, drama, art, and choir. Extended Day is open for before and after school care, and hot lunch is available every day.

Our parish school recently completed a successful accreditation renewal, involving a self-study and plans for the future.

Students attend Mass every Friday. They participate as lectors, readers, gift bearers, and altar servers. The children support Mary's Meals, a globally active lunch program that provides a meal for needy students around the world. The third graders organize 2 food drives during the year, supplying food for our parish St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

St. Bernadette Parish School always welcomes new students.

Sacraments

Infant Baptism

A Baptism preparation class is necessary prior to your child being baptized at St. Bernadette Parish. Classes are offered to parents at least four times throughout the year. Please call the parish office for information about the dates and times.

Confirmation

In our parish, Confirmation, a Sacrament of initiation, is celebrated every other year.

First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Communion is provided for children who are at least 7 years old. Classes/retreats begin in October and children celebrate First Holy Communion on the weekend after Easter. Children are prepared for First Reconciliation in November.



Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM and by appointment.



Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the process of preparing to be married in the Church. We also offer assistance to those couples who are planning to be married in another state or abroad.

Anointing of the Sick

We strongly encourage all those who are planning surgery, dealing with an illness, or facing the end of life to call the parish office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.