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Sunday	11:00a.m.
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Sunday	1:00p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.

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Thursday 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

Fr. John's Pasta Sauce

Fr. John's pasta sauce is available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Jars are \$8.50 and come in Divine Tomato Basil and Spicy Arrabiata.

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Bernadette's Brew

Open Sundays after morning Masses. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!

When the Saint Comes Marching In!

Dear Friends,

“Oh when the saints come marching in...” You’re gonna want to be in that number this coming Thursday when St. Bernadette comes marching into our Parish! This is the first time that the relics of the Saint, from the Sanctuary at Lourdes, France, will be on tour in the U.S. and we are fortunate to be one of the hosts. Of course, St. Bernadette is tied to Our Lady though the apparitions at Lourdes.

Our Lady called herself the “Immaculate Conception.” Something that the very young Bernadette would have little or no understanding of. The Church had just finished developing the Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (that Mary, herself, was conceived without sin) in a special act of grace anticipating her virginal conception of Jesus. And as a sign, Our Lady left the waters that have become familiar to all who visit Lourdes. The waters are known for healing the sick.

Healing the sick was the first act of Jesus in proclaiming the in-breaking of God’s Kingdom. Sin has infected the world and caused God’s beautiful creation to be marred and to suffer from all sorts of sicknesses. Jesus showed that this was not the plan of God from the start and in His Kingdom all would be well. When miraculous healings happen, it is a sign of God’s grace working in our sin sick world.

But we have to be careful here. Often, someone receives a physical healing or an emotional or psychological healing but the spiritual healings are always the best. When Jesus healed the Blind Beggar, Bartimaeus, the Gospel writer tells us, “he immediately followed Jesus.” And that is always the purpose of a healing: to grow closer to Jesus and to become a faithful disciple. And where did Bartimaeus follow Jesus? “Up the road,” up the road to Calvary. He was given the grace to carry his cross and suffer with Jesus so as to live with Jesus one day.

And so it is with every saint. The grace of God operates in them in a special way that draws us to them and inspires us to imitate them. Think of Mother Teresa, wherever she went huge crowds would gather just to get a glimpse of this holy woman. When it comes to relics, we believe that the same grace of God that was infused in them during their lives on earth still somehow mysteriously abides in their remains. So much so, that many saints, including St. Bernadette are incorruptible, or not touched by the normal process of decay. In fact, when St. Bernadette was exhumed, her skin was the same

color as a living person. A sign of the purity of life that she led, and a witness to her sanctity.

When the Saints come marching in, there is usually a reason, though it may not be known to us. So, I invite you to come with great expectation, with your intentions that the powerful intercession of St. Bernadette before our Heavenly Father and the pure Virgin Mary will be heard. There is no hocus-pocus or weird side show to all this. Come with the simple faith of a child, and see what blessings come to you.

Since our Christian Faith is incarnational, the Word became Flesh, God had chosen to use the tangible things of this world to communicate his Grace to us. All the Sacraments, show us that again and again. That is why we use bread and wine, water and oil, touch and words. God respects our humanity and so often uses the simple parts of creation to reveal His presence to us.

The full schedule of events is listed on the next page of this Bulletin and on our website. Come and make it a Prayer Day, a mini-retreat. I especially draw your attention to the Virtual Pilgrimage beginning at 11:00a.m. Along with the relics of St. Bernadette, there will be pieces of the Lourdes Grotto and blessing with water from the Shrine. You will experience what it is like to make a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France without ever leaving Sun City West!

I hope you’ll be in that number, when the Saint comes marching in!

Love,
Fr. John B.



Photo of St. Bernadette Soubirous upon her exhumation in 1925.

Save the Date

ST. BERNADETTE IS COMING TO
OUR LADY OF LOURDES



St. Bernadette Relic Tour
Thursday, July 28th



St. Bernadette
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OUR LADY OF
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PARISH & MISSION AT LAKE PLEASANT PKWY

8:30a.m.-9:30a.m.:

Holy Mass with Rite of
Welcome

9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.:

Confessions with Veneration
of the Relics of St.
Bernadette

11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.:

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage
Experience

1:00p.m.-2:00p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet &
Litany of St. Bernadette

1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. 1

Veneration of the Relics of
St. Bernadette

3:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Rosary

5:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

Healing Mass (including
Sprinkling with Lourdes
Water) and Anointing of
the Sick

6:00p.m.

Farewell Celebration

For more information:

<https://www.stbernadetteusa.org/ip.php?pg=SunCityWest-AZ>

Mass Intentions

July 24: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Steve Goldman† and Special Intentions for Bonnie Goldman

11:00a.m.: Francisco E.† and Raquel Hernandez†

1:00p.m.: For the People of Mariupol, Ukraine

July 25

Happy 5th Birthday - Nico Romero!

July 26

Hazel Wittig†

July 27

Sal Colletti†

July 28

Joe Grabowski†

July 29

Joan Bucina - Special Intentions

July 30

8:30a.m.: for the Edward Howenstein Family

4:00p.m.: Leo Thill† and Edwin Thill†

July 31: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Frank Krezel† & Denise Kleint†

11:00a.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

1:00p.m.: Catherine Killen†

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Feast of St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17-22; Ps ; 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27

Saturday: Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus council affiliated with Our Lady of Lourdes shares the parish name, council #11809. The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide fraternal organization founded by a parish priest to protect families, widows and orphans.

The Knights will honor Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney on his liturgical memorial day, August 13th, at the 4 p.m. mass, and install the officers for the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary after mass. A dinner for Brother Knights and their families will follow.

The Knights of Columbus embody Father McGivney's emphasis by focusing on four areas of Faith In Action; Faith, Family, Community and Life. Our Lady of Lourdes council activities, jointly supported by the Ladies' Auxiliary, include the Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) drive, Food/Water drives, Lenten fish fry Fridays, Coats for Kids, Breakfast with Santa, Arizona State Rosary Celebration, Veteran's Day celebration, Widow's luncheon, and parish activities such as Bernadette's Brew.

The council does not *accumulate* funds from the profits from hosted events, but *distributes* the proceeds to charities and the parish. For example, the Knights of Columbus made financial donations to Valley View food pantry, four seminarians, families affected by wildfire and flooding, First Way Pregnancy Center, and the Diocesan **Christus Vivit** young disciple development program, among others. State-wide Knights of Columbus activities, such as the ID drive and the state raffle, support Arizona state programs (Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, St. Joe's Youth Camp, Disaster Relief, March for Life).

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentlemen over 18 years old. Recent changes to the initiation program make it a family activity open to all family members and friends. We invite Catholic gentlemen and their families to become part of our council family. Contact any Knight (often serving as ushers) or Grand Knights Jake Kluch at jhkluch@gmail.com for more information.

Help Wanted

Whitney Lynch, Director of Pastoral Care, is looking for more Funeral Ushers. As a Funeral Usher, you assist the bereaved family, other liturgy volunteers, and parish staff in the smooth facilitation of the Funeral Mass. A Funeral Usher volunteer must possess compassion, comfort working with the bereaved family, and have an attention to detail. This volunteer opportunity is much like a Sunday Liturgy Usher, where the majority of tasks are done on your feet, and you need to have the ability to lift 15 pounds. You will receive hands on training from Whitney or a Trained Funeral Usher.

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Relics 101

Why do Catholics keep Relics? Why do we display them and chop them up? The veneration of the relics of the saints reflects a belief that the saints in heaven intercede for those on earth. As an extension of our respect for our bodies and as examples to others, that they live their lives as shining examples of Faith, Hope and Charity. St. Marie Bernarde Soubirous was a shining example of these three exemplary qualities.

If you go into a Catholic church, there's a good chance that somebody's bones or a drop of their blood is in the altar. You might even see (particularly in older European churches) the bones of the Saints on display, with people praying in front of that. Why? Isn't that macabre and weird? In our own parish, we have a lock of hair from St. Francis of Assisi in the Altar!

The Bible and the Catechism are our two primary sources for understanding Relics. CCC 2300 says "the bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are the temples of the Holy Spirit." In 2 Kings 13:21, we see a very explicit healing of a man through the bones of Eli'sha, an Old Testament Saint. There are several examples of the Faithful, in the New Testament, who desire to be healed who attempt to merely lay in the shadow of St. Peter and or touching the handkerchief of St. Paul. If we did that today, our Protestant brothers and sisters would decry it as superstitious and occult but we see this as a clear act of what early Christian faithfulness looked like. They believed so fervently and faithfully that God works through His Saints.

We believe God likes to work miracles through His Saints, including those who have already fallen asleep in death. And so, we share in the same faith as the early Christians in putting ourselves in places where we can encounter the shadow of Peter or the handkerchief of Paul or the bones of Saints.

On July 28, we have the unique opportunity to venerate St. Bernadette Soubirous, when her relics arrive at our Parish. Through the veneration of these relics, we can pray for her intercession on our behalf. As we know, God works His miracles and mercies through His Saints!

Research provided by Rich Stone. Thank you, Rich, for your curiosity and hard work!



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