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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
8:30 am, 11:15 am, & 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Main Church

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Good Shepherd Chapel

THE HOLY ROSARY

Prayed 30 minutes before all daily and weekend Masses except the 5:00 pm Sunday

HELPFUL INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:45 pm and 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS

A notice of at least 6 months is required. For additional information, please visit the parish website.

NEWCOMERS

To register as a parishioner, please use the form on our website. Click on "I'm New" and complete the information or pick up a registration form & other information under the monitor located in the Commons.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please inform the parish office if you have a family member in the hospital or homebound.

CHANGES

If you are moving or changing contact information, please notify the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one are seriously ill, please contact Fr. Jack or Fr. Shane, as soon as possible, for the Anointing of the Sick.

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Flocknote: to join the parish Flocknote, text SBTULSA to 84576 or sign up on the home page of our website

BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY BY NOON

Please email submissions to

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SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT and CHRISTMAS/B



MASS INTENTIONS December 25-31, 2023

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am, Sp. Int. Howley & Beaulac Families
by Jane Howley

Tuesday: St. Stephen

8:30 am, +Marlene Marra by Mich Hedley

Wednesday: St. John

8:30 am, Sp. Int. Fr. Jack by M/M Jerry
Matulis

Thursday: The Holy Innocents

8:30 am, +Arlene Lawrence by the Parish

Friday:

8:30 am, Souls in Purgatory by the Parish

Saturday:

8:30 am, +Renee Diane Rahilly by M/M Jerry
Matulis

5:00 pm, Sp. Int. Jones Family by M/M Roger
Ford

Sunday: Holy Family

8:30 am, +Erica Kania by Cathy Meussner

5:00 pm, Sp. Int. 40th Wed. Ann. Mick &
Donna Hewson by Cindy Ludwig

**To request a Mass, please call the Parish
Office at (918) 299-9406.**

What's Happening

DECEMBER

24—Christmas Pageant

24/25—Retired Priest Fund Collection

JANUARY

2—Adoration Resumes/Office Reopens

4—*Who Am I to Judge?* Study Begins

7—RE Classes Resume

7—First Holy Comm. Parents Meeting

9—*Holy is His Name* Study Begins

9—Preschool Resumes

9—*Spiritual Warfare* Study Begins

10—PAWR Hour

12—Moms Ministry Resumes

14—First Holy Comm. Solemn Inscription

17—Social Media Workshop for Parents

18—Senior Luncheon

24—St. Francis Marian Medical Clinic

25—Baptism Class

Religious Education

Sharon Lechtenberg, Director

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

RE Classes are out for Christmas break this weekend and next weekend. All classes resume on January 7, 2024.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the pageant or helped us in anyway—the actors, the Children's Choir, the parents, our head Shepherd, Erin Clifton, and Father Jack. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Class is Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, for anyone who desires Baptism or needs to attend a class to be a Godparent. There will not be another class until March 27, 2024. The class meets at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Please call the Parish Office if you plan to attend. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion preparation starts in the 2nd grade classes as soon as we return after the Christmas break. Parents will meet with Fr. Jack in the Good Shepherd Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 9:45 am while the children are in their classes. Father Jack will hold the meeting and give parents ideas on how to help prepare their child(ren) for their First Holy Communion.

There is a Solemn Inscription for the children and their parents the next week on Sunday, Jan. 14, in the Church during class time at 9:45 am.

NEEDED IN JANUARY, 2024

We need an aide for the Preschool-Age 3 at 8:30 am. If you want to volunteer, please call Sharon at 918-381-7869.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"
Matthew 19:14

Special Note from Father Jack

As we approach the holidays, please be mindful of all the messages you receive across the variety of digital platforms that you use (email and text messages especially). **Fr. Jack, Fr. Shane, our deacons, or any staff member of the parish will never request donations or gift cards via email or text from you. This is also true for the Bishop and the personnel from our diocesan offices.**

If you receive an email with a request for assistance, try to report it as "phishing" so that the sender gets flagged and shut down. If you receive a text, report it as "junk" and delete it. The people behind these scams are getting more sophisticated in the ways they contact their intended victims. Please be aware of this. Thank you.

Preschool

Tara Sudler, Director

Merry Christmas! Preschool is out of session for the remainder of December. We will return to school on Jan. 9th. Registrations for the 2024-25 school year open on Jan. 16th for families currently enrolled. Open enrollment for the public begins at the start of Catholic Schools week on Jan. 28th. If you are interested in our wonderful preschool, please contact Tara Sudler at 918-299-9432 or tsudler@stbernardstulsa.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Did you know that one (1) hour is just .6% of your whole week? Please call the Parish Office at (918) 299-9406 if you are able to take an Adoration hour!

Mondays

11:00 am-12:00 pm
4:00-5:00 pm
6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesdays

10:00-11:00 am
1:00-2:00 pm
6:00-7:00 pm
7:00-8:00 pm

Thursdays

11:00 am-12:00 pm
4:00-5:00 pm

Fridays

2:00-3:00 pm
3:00-4:00 pm
7:00-8:00 pm

Faith & Family

Deacon Tim Sullivan

CONVERSATIONS WITH NON-CATHOLICS

Uncomfortable moments often arise during the holidays when the subject of religion comes up with relatives and friends. So here are a few tips for handling difficult issues that are frequently raised by non-Catholics. This information can be helpful to your children.

First of all, it's important not to participate in heated conversations that rarely lead to a positive conclusion. It's best to ask simple, open-ended questions and make very short, simple statements.

For example, on questions involving the levels of authority in the Church and the extensive teachings that Catholics follow, one can calmly respond: "Jesus set up a structure." It helps if you know the passages in the Bible where Jesus appointed Peter the first pope and where the first council of the Church met in Jerusalem. Jesus established what we now call the Catholic Church.

On issues relating to the Mass, one can again say, modestly but clearly, "Jesus told us how to worship." When Jesus said "Do this in memory of me" at the Last Supper, He was talking about more than consecrating the bread and wine. The format for the Last Supper and the Mass comes from the Passover meal in Judaism.

"God put all things beneath the feet of Jesus and gave Him to the church, the fullness of the One who fills all things in every way."

Ephesians 1:22

Outreach Ministries

2024 MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

There's still an open slot on Sept. 22, 2024. We need a ministry, family, or group of friends to sponsor this meal! If interested in helping, please contact Kathy Sands at lukent007@yahoo.com.

Mass Assignments

Hannah Schilling, Director

WEEKEND OF DEC. 30/31, 2023

Saturday — 5:00 pm

Servers: Brad Walker, **1 Server Needed**
Readers: Mary Doerpinghaus, Treak Tasker
EMHCs: Ray Alsdorf, Becky Wolf, Margaret Hingey, Phyllis Webb, Kathy Sands, Greg Lukeman
Ushers: Team D-1 (Bob Potwora, Phillip Doerpinghaus, Edward Yob, Randall Young)

Sunday — 8:30 am

Servers: Isabel Engelbrecht, Jack Oliver
Readers: Deb Dill, Matt Sirkis
EMHCs: Bill Condryn, Jessica Engelbrecht, Charles Harrison, Mike Oliver, Doc Wallace, Elizabeth Miller
Ushers: Team D-2 (Bobbie Carrington, Diane Bechtel, Mary Ellen & Terry Gordon, Annie Jones)

Sunday — 11:15 am

Servers: Lily & Lexi Rama
Readers: Daniel Shahwan, Trae Ball
EMHCs: Becky Brambl, Andrea Gibson, Okja Chung, Jenny O'Neil, Lisa Williams, John Grace
Ushers: Team D-3 (Michel Shahwan, Hari Rama, Gina Wilson, Brett Driscoll)

Sunday — 5:00 pm

Servers: **2 Servers Needed**
Readers: Yvonne Elias, Megan Marriner
EMHCs: Sue & John Ramsey, Shelley Travers, Michael Conner, Leith Watkins, **1 EMHC Needed**
Ushers: Team D-4 (Valerie & Rene Knapp, John Travers, John Harsh)

Youth Ministry

Mary Poston, Director

High School Youth

Dec. 24th/31st—No HS Youth Group
Jan. 7th—Dodgeball Tournament
Jan. 10th—Bible Study *Behold Your Mother: Mary and The Bible* (4 week series)

SAVE THE DATE: *Full Armor of God*
High School Retreat, March 8th-10th

Middle School Youth

Dec. 27th—No MS Youth Group
Jan. 3rd—Pickleball in the Gym
Jan. 5th—Glow Jump at Sky Zone (RSVP on Flocknote)

Parish Life

Hannah Schilling, Director

BAGEL, COFFEE, DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING!

We need volunteers to help with our Sunday morning receptions in the Spring! This is a fun way to meet new people and help build community in our parish. To sign up, email Hannah at parishlife@stbernardstulsa.org.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It has been a joy and a honor to serve you over the past year. I am especially grateful for the many volunteers who serve our parish community in big and small ways. May God bless you all abundantly this Christmas season and in the year to come!

– Hannah

Adult Faith Formation, Marriage, & Family Life

Dr. Christine Miller, Director
sbtulsa.flocknote.com/Update

Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits

Begins January 9th, 10 sessions on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am in room G-8. To register, email Christine at aff@stbernardstulsa.org or visit:

sbtulsa.flocknote.com/signup/148447

Seekers of Truth: New study begins January 9 — Scott Hahn's book *Holy is His Name*. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm in room F-4. The study is 12-sessions long. Contact Sandra Waelder at 918-230-4779. The group is currently on break.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: New study begins January 4th! Edward Sri's *Who Am I to Judge*. The study is 8-sessions long. Thursdays, 9:15-11:15 am in room G-8. For more info or to join, email Sharon at slechtenberg@stbernardstulsa.org. The group is currently on break.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Walking with Purpose—Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, room G-8. On break until Jan. 9th. Join us for a "Connect Coffee" on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, and check out the Bible Study! Contact Christine Miller for more information.

Sunday Readings Bible Study

Sunday mornings, 9:45 am, room G-8.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Moms' Ministry: Meet other moms with school-aged children. Contact Christine for more information at aff@stbernardstulsa.org. Join our Flocknote group:

sbtulsa.flocknote.com/moms

We begin again January 12! Join us!

Family Friendly Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesdays for a line-up of events for adults and families with childcare available. Coming up in January:

Jan. 10: PAWR Hour

Jan. 17: Social Media Workshop for Parents

Jan. 24: St. Francis Marian Medical Clinic

A complete calendar of events is available at:
www.stbernardstulsa.org/family-life

CHILDCARE MINISTRY

Register and RSVP for events at:
www.stbernardstulsa.org/childcare-ministry

Questions about Childcare? Contact Meghan Cancinos, Childcare Coordinator at childcare@stbernardstulsa.org.

Around Our Parish

RETIRED PRIEST FUND

We will take up a second collection at all Christmas Masses that benefits the diocesan Retired Priest Fund.

This fund is the primary support given by the Diocese to our infirm and retired priests. Please consider making a generous donation to help care for the servants of God who have faithfully served His flock. Thank you!

CEREAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Please consider bringing cereal for the homeless shelter. Quantities have declined, but the need is ever-present. The shelter has requested that we do not donate Cheerios. Cereals high in protein and rich in nutrients are especially welcome! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30 am Daily Mass

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th

10:00 am Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

3:30 pm Christmas Pageant

4:00 pm Vigil for Christmas (*Nursery open*)

6:00 pm Vigil for Christmas (*Nursery open*)

10:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

No Masses at 8:30 am, 11:15, or Midnight

Monday, December 25th

10:00 am Mass for Christmas

No Masses at 8:30 am, 11:15 am, or 5:00 pm

Dec. 30th & 31st - Regular Mass schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1st - 8:30 am Mass only (*not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*)

Final Advent Confession Opportunity:

Saturday, December 23rd

Two confessors, 3:30-5:00 pm

Parish Office & Adoration Schedule

Starting Friday, Dec. 22nd, there is no Adoration in the Good Shepherd Chapel and the Parish Office closes at 11:30 am. Adoration resumes and the Parish Office re-opens Tuesday, Jan. 2nd at 9:00 am.

Around Our Diocese

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE

Save the date for this year's *Together in Holiness Conference*! Join us Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 9:30 am — 4:15 pm at the Church of Saint Benedict in Broken Arrow. More details forthcoming in the new year.



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