

Saint Bernadette Church

Sharing the Message



**A simple faith sharing process to put Jesus' message
at the heart of your meeting.**

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit,
Direct our minds with Your wisdom.
Open our ears with Your words.
Touch our lips with Your truth.
Fill our hearts with Your love.
Amen.

Reflect & Share

Share one or more of the following questions.
What word or phrase speaks to you in this reading?



What do you stand up for?
How do you feel about endings?
What most threatens the calm of your world?
How hard is it to trust God when difficulties arise? Can you think of a time when something good has come out of something bad?

Scripture Reading

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2020
Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here -- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Allow 30 Seconds of Reflective Silence.)

How do you understand the seeming contradiction between Jesus saying "Some of you will be put to death" and "Not a hair of your head will be harmed."?

Where are you aware of persecution of Catholics today? Have you ever experienced discrimination because of your faith?

What does your faith in Jesus tell you about the end of the world? What does your faith tell you about your personal "end of the world" (death)?

What is the most challenging part of your witnessing for Jesus?

Closing Prayer

God of the Beginning and the End,
How blessed we are that we may rely
on Your promise of Life
to those who remain faithful to Your Son.
Help us in the here and now to grow in wisdom,
to persevere in sharing the gospel with others,
and to remain courageous in the face of challenges.
May we embrace each day as a new beginning,
making choices that will one day bring us
to the joy of eternal Life with You.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Message His Message Our Message.