

Religious Articles from the Holy Land

Original Olive Wood Handicrafts from Bethlehem

July 1st & 2nd

**Nativity Sets – Creches – Rosaries – Statuettes –
Christmas Ornaments – Home, Office and Church
Décor**

From Bethlehem in the Holy Land, the Bannoura family of Bethlehem Handicrafts imports products from the Christian community of Bethlehem. They are pleased to share their family story and trade to all those who will be present after Masses on July 1st & 2nd:

July 1: StA, 5 p.m. Mass; StB, 5:30 p.m. Mass

July 2: StB, 7 a.m. Mass; OLS, 9:30 a.m. Mass
StP, 10 a.m. Mass; StA, noon Mass

As Joseph taught Christ the trade of carpentry in Nazareth, the Bannoura family passed the trade of olive wood artisanship from generation to generation until the present. They take great pride in this distinct and traditional craft, which is one of the principal sources of income for the small but resilient Christian community.

Each item for sale is handcrafted from olive wood with care and precision. Any number of items ranging from Nativity sets to Christmas ornaments will make ideal Christmas gifts for family, friends and coworkers. Other items such as statuettes and rosary beads will make for excellent Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts throughout the year.

For more information and to view available products, please visit www.bethlehemhandicrafts.com.



Religious Articles from Belarus

July 7th & 8th

**Icons – Rosaries – Christmas Ornaments – Nested
Dolls – Crucifixes**

Sister Maria and Sister Anastasia will come from Belarus and sell items to benefit the needy in Belarus.

They will be available after **all Masses** on July 7th & 8th, including St. Peter and St. Ignatius.



A note from the Sisters

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to invite you to have a look at handmade religious articles and souvenirs made by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 20 years sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, a TB clinic. It is of great importance to give sick people spiritual support and consolation.

In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. About 200 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

To help these people the workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns and lay sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to home. You can support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

With love in Christ,
Sisters of St Elisabeth

Spotlight on Our Lady of Fatima: 100-Year Anniversary

As most of you know, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, beginning on May 13, 1917. Before she appeared, in 1916 the Angel of Peace appeared to them to prepare them to see the Blessed Virgin. (We have two prayers from Fatima on our laminated Mass preparation card.) We will put articles in future bulletins to understand the importance of the message of Fatima. Here is a quick summary to start.

At Fatima, the Lord asked us to come to Him with Mary. Mary knows Jesus better than any other human being. Mary can teach us about Jesus and pray with us. Anytime we go to Jesus through Mary is called “devotion to Mary.” We do not worship her; we pray with her and ask her to pray for us. In order for the world to change, we need Mary’s powerful intercession. Here are the five keys of the Our Lady of Fatima devotion.

1. Pray the morning offering, as you have seen in recent bulletins. In this prayer, our prayers, works, joys, and sufferings are offered to God through Mary. This sanctifies (makes holy) everything we do during the day.
2. Wear the brown scapular. This is a sign of entrustment to Our Lady and a protection against evil. We will explain more in the future about this. We are ordering everyone in our congregation a scapular. We hope all will enroll in the scapular in May.
3. Pray the Rosary daily for peace and in reparation for sins committed throughout the world.
4. Attend Mass on the first Saturday of each month. On that day, go to Confession, Communion, and pray the Rosary and meditate on its mysteries for 15 minutes.
5. Spread this devotion to others. Not many people are doing this. Will you try?

More Spotlight on Our Lady of Fatima: 100-Year Anniversary

Every one of you is familiar with the prayer from our laminated cards in the pews:

O my Jesus, I accept and bear with submission whatever suffering God will send me today, for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Blessed Mother gave this prayer to the three children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. So what are the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary? There are five of them.

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception. Unfortunately, there are many people in the world who deny that Mary was conceived without sin.
2. Blasphemies against Our Lady’s perpetual virginity. Sad to say, there are many people who think that Mary did not remain a virgin.

3. Blasphemies against Our Lady’s divine maternity and her spiritual motherhood of all mankind. We know that Jesus told us to call God our Father. So Jesus is our brother, and therefore Mary is our Mother. It is too bad there are people who do not want to call Mary the Mother of God and do not want Mary to be a Mother to them.

4. Blasphemies of those who seek openly to foster in the hearts of children indifference or contempt, and even hatred for, this Immaculate Mother. It is very important to acknowledge Mary and pass on devotions toward her. Mary purifies our prayers and prays with us to her Son Jesus. We worship God alone and honor Mary, His greatest creature.

5. The offences of those who directly outrage her in her holy images. For example, years ago, vandals broke into Mother Cabrini shrine and smashed a statue of Mary along with other statues. There are “art” shows that defame Mary. [Let’s pray for these people. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”]

Pregnancy Resource Connection Baby Bottle Drive

Pick up a bottle this weekend and fill it with loose change, bills, or checks and return the bottle by August 15, the Solemnity of Our Lady’s Assumption.

All proceeds go to support the ministry of PRC: free pregnancy tests, free limited ultrasounds, personal advising, child birth classes, parenting classes, life skills/financial training, adoption resources, Earn -While -You - Learn classes, all new- Men’s “Practical Fatherhood” and “Positive Partnerships” classes, free diapers and baby wipes. New service: free limited STI testing.

Bottles may be returned to PRC Center, 244 E. Agate Ave. Granby, or to the church office.

Questions? Call PRC 970-887-3617 or Pat Pulliam 361-442-3532 or patpulliamjmj@gmail.com

Bottles are located at the back of the church.

Quick Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)—The Papacy

Why do Catholics believe that the Pope is Christ’s representative on earth and the successor of St. Peter? In Matthew 16:18-19, Jesus says, “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” From this we see that Jesus establishes the Church and picks Peter as the visible head with teaching authority. As a Jew, Jesus came to re-establish the Kingdom of David in a perfect way under a new covenant. Remember that in the Davidic Kingdom, the Prime Minister had the authority of the King (see Isaiah 22:15-24). Jesus, by giving the keys to Peter, established the papacy; Francis is the 267th Pope.

First Saturday Devotion, July 1, at Our Lady

Our Lady at Fatima requested that we go to Mass, Confession, recite the Rosary, and meditate on it for 15 minutes for five consecutive first Saturdays of the month. You have a chance to respect her request this coming Saturday at Our Lady of the Snow.

Confession, 8:45 a.m.; Mass, 9:30, followed by Rosary and meditation.

Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary* of Saint Faustina

975. Today I heard these words: **Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy.**

976. February 24, 1937. Today during Holy Mass, I saw the dying Jesus. The sufferings of the Lord pierced my soul and body in an invisible manner. The pain is enormous, though it lasts a very short time.

Chastity and Homosexuality

The following is what God teaches through His Church. The paragraph numbers are listed in bold from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that “homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.” They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

2358 The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord’s Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; July 23 – 28

Save the date! \$20 donation to offset the cost. Grades 1-6: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; grades 7-12: Sun – Thur, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks for your children.)

Save the Date: Sports-Bible Camp; July 20-21

-Days: Thursday-Friday

-Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

-Where: Fraser Valley Sports Complex.

-For boys and girls: kindergarten completed through 6th grade completed.

-Typical sports: volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, cheerleading, martial arts.

-No cost.

Mass on Thursday is at St. Bernard at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Bernard

Last Saturday was the first weekend of the new Mass time at St. Bernard at 5:30 p.m. The attendance was more than double of previous years with the later time.

Calendar of Events

-Jul 1 (Sat). First Saturday Mass at Our Lady, 9:30 a.m.

-Jul 20-21 (Thu-Fri). Sports-Bible Camp in Fraser

-Jul 23-28 (Sun-Fri). *Totus Tuus* Vacation Bible School

-Aug 13 (Sun). Rosary Procession after Mass at OLS

Mass Collections, June 17 – 18

St. Anne	\$ 2091
St. Bernard	1629
Our Lady of the Snow	2369
St. Peter	613
St. Ignatius	<u>830</u>
Total	\$ 7532

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat--Thomas Scherer & Julio Amezcua

Sun--Deacon Angel Brown & Deacon Darrick Leier

Mon--Juan Hernandez & Witold Kaczmarzyk

Tue--Christopher Considine & Josh Meier

Wed--Mateusz Ratajczak & Dcn. Roberto Rodriguez

Thu--Shannon Thurman & Deacon Tomislav Tomic

Fri--Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Jun 24, StA, 5 p.m., Tim and Barb Lytle

-Sat, Jun 24, StB, 5:30 p.m., Keith and Debbie Morrison

-Sun, Jun 25, StB, 7 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jun 25, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Mat and Julz Robar

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Jun 26, StA, 8:30 a.m., Mark and Debbie Goulette

-Tue, Jun 27, OLS, 7:30 a.m., +Joseph Dolan

-Wed, Jun 28, StB, 8:30 a.m., Ken and Trudy Rozas

-Thu, Jun 29, **StB, 8:30 a.m.**, Mary Frances Rozas 1

-Fri, Jun 30, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Alfred and Annette Spina

-Sat, Jul 1, **OLS, 9:30 a.m.**, Fr. Michael’s intention

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

-Sun, Jun 25, StP, 10 a.m., Maurice and Joanne Noll

-Sun, Jun 25, StI, 1 p.m., Parishioners and visitors