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Infant Baptism

For helpful information and guidance regarding Infant Baptism, please go to our website www.stbrunochurch.org. We are pleased to assist your family with this first and important Sacrament. If you have questions after reviewing the website, please email Baptism@stbrunochurch.org.



Places Where You Can Belong

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Gospel Reflections 2nd Sunday January 14th 2024

We have a video!

What if someone asked if they could videotape you all next week ...and then make it public. Would you agree? In a way, Jesus invited two people in the Gospel to do just that!

He had been saying very bold statements for some time and so is drawing larger and larger crowds, and the stories about Him are spreading everywhere.

John the Baptist sees Jesus approach and declares He is the Savior we have all been waiting for! But two disciples ask if this is really true. How can they know?

This political season is also a time of bold claims by politicians as well. Jesus recognizes our dilemma, and how difficult it is to truly know someone from just their sound bites on TV.

Jesus offers a compelling answer. He invites the two disciples to *Come and see for yourself!* He invites them to watch His every move ...how He lives .. and especially how He treats people.

Only a person supremely confident in himself would ever allow their life to be broadcast on a large screen TV in every home!

Jesus asks, What are you looking for? People responded then as we might today. We have been disappointed before by other fancy talking leaders, so we are looking for someone who is genuine, authentic, and real! Jesus knows that words are cheap and easy to say. He knows that behavior is everything.

Jesus also trusts you to make your own judgment. He is willing to let you see and hear for yourself, and decide about His behavior and come to your own honest conclusion.

We see this at every Mass as well. Jesus says these most beautiful words, *This is my Body and Blood ...* given for your happiness, and then just a few moments later, He places Himself directly in your hands at communion. He follows through on His words!

This physical presence of Jesus is powerful. Even the two disciples ask Jesus, Where are you staying? They wanted His physical presence then that we enjoy in the Eucharist today.

You can also come to know Him more in *The University Series*, which is our large multi-parish adult education program coming this Lent, with 50 classes hosted at St. Bruno, Beatitudes, and St. Mary's parishes on topics that connect our faith with real life in practical ways.

Come and see for yourself!



God bless!

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ST. BRUNO NEWS

WAYS TO GIVE

In our Catholic faith, money is the power to make something good happen. That means helping St. Bruno parishioners meet Our Lord in every sacrament, parish event, or new building project, so your gifts are always and only for that purpose. Here are ways you can help build your new Hall for All. Our Archdiocesan professionals are also ready to help with assistance in Estate Planning and Real Estate gifts for St. Bruno. Our Non-Profit Tax Number is 95-1957493. Your gifts can also be made over a five year period.

DIRECT CASH GIFTS:

You may make your five year pledge by check, credit card, or authorize your bank to make direct deposits to our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Checks can be dropped at the office, or in the Building Fund envelopes in the Sunday collection.

STOCKS, BONDS, IRA, & ANNUITY GIFTS:

You may also direct these special gifts to *St. Bruno Church Hall For All*. Your financial advisor can also direct your IRA and various Annuity gifts to support this important project for our parish and school families.

REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES:

These are gifts of a home or other properties that you would like to donate. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Contact Michael Davitt at mtdavitt@la-archdiocese.org to establish your gift.

ESTATE PLANNING:

These are gifts donated according to your wishes about how your estate will be dispersed, such as in a Charitable Remainder Trust. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Contact Karen Dunphy at kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org for your gift.

Your donations, by law, can only be used for the purpose for which you give them. They are sacred gifts for the mission of St. Bruno Church and School. For a fuller understanding of how parish and Archdiocesan finances work, please see my article at *stbrunochurch.org*, and click on *Fr. Dave's Articles*.

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Coming Soon!

St. Bruno, Beatitudes, and St. Mary's hosting 50 sessions that connect faith with real life during Lent ...starting February 15th.
Catalogs and pre-registration available soon.

Have you remembered the HALL in your Will or Trust?



To set up your gift, please contact Karen Dunphy at 213-637-7510 or Kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org

Town Hall Q & A

Fr. Dave will be present after every Sunday noon Mass in the Church for a general Town Hall Q & A session on any question you might have on any topic.

Daily Adoration

Join us for our Daily Adoration in the Church from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM. All are welcome.



"Four For Our Faith" Weekly Giving Initiative

Sunday Collection 1/7 \$20,018
Weekly Online Giving 11,135
Total Contributions \$31,153

Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD

ST. BRUNO EVENTS

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Discussion Meeting Wednesday, **January 17th** from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

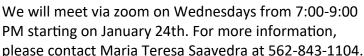
Speaker Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 3rd after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM. All men are welcome.

For further information, call Dave Zofrea at 562-221-2544.

Ladies, you are invited!

Come join our women's bible study as we begin our fifth book from the Walking With Purpose series, **Grounded in Hope**. Based on the book of Hebrews, it will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He will become your lifeline. Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine. *Grounded in Hope*, our 17-Lesson Bible study, is for you if you...

- long to know Jesus with greater intimacy
- are ready to grow in your trust in Him as your true source of hope
- have grown weary as you run your race, and need encouragement to persevere





Blanket Drive

(New Blankets)
For the



Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Bruno Parish February 10-11, 2024

"I was naked, and you clothed me." --Mt 25:36a Help someone get through this winter...
...and give yourself that
warm feeling

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday- January 21st

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday truck is here on January 21st in the parish parking lot from 8 AM to 2 PM. We need your support! Remember to bring any useable items that will help the needy. For large items including furniture, appliances, and vehicles, please call 800-974-3571 for home pickups.

Monthly Food Drive

Next Weekend

The St. Bruno's parish community will be collecting food for the food banks of our area. The food bank is in need of macaroni & cheese, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and cereal. Please bring non-perishable food items to the containers at the Church doors or Rectory Garage. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Lenten Retreat

You are invited to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Come spend some time in prayer, reflection and preparation for the season of Lent. Please RSVP so enough materials will be provided. We will meet in the Hall. Please RSVP to Cathy at 562-631-8844 by Monday, February 5, 2024.

Eagle's Wings



Support for those with a life-changing illness or chronic condition. Each week starts a new topic that inspires conversation. You will have time to take a fresh look at how your illness affects you in your everyday life. We meet in a comfortable setting every Thursday from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM in the Parish Center.

For more information, please contact Monica Radel at 562-631-6708.

Adult Formation Corner

Join us for a one morning and one evening study of the historical books of the Old Testament. Sessions will be held on **Wednesday evening**, January 17 at 7:00 PM or **Thursday morning**, January 18 at 10:00 AM. See how God led the Israelites to follow him.

Contact Ed at 562-761-3562 with any questions.

Whittier Life Center

The Whittier Life Center would like to thank Fr. Dave, Anne Campi (WLC's speaker) and **you** the parishioners who have **generously** supported a **very** successful baby bottle drive "Change for Life" in December at St. Bruno Church. You raised \$11,587.00 with your cash, checks, and coins! A special thank you to the St. Bruno School community for their outstanding participation and gen-

erosity in raising \$3,290.00! Your support helps both mothers and their babies, born and unborn, with the love and resources they need...Thank you very much!





Safeguard the Children DID YOU KNOW?

How to actively listen to abuse disclosures

Disclosing abuse is one of the hardest — and most important — steps for a victim to take. If a child chooses to tell you about abuse, make sure you are actively listening. Give the child all of your attention and listen calmly, without making judgements or assumptions. Listen patiently without filling in the blanks or making suggestions. The best thing is for the child to tell his or her own story. Ask limited questions, and only for information needed to report abuse. For more information on actively listening, read the VIRTUS® article "Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "Responding to Youth Disclosures or Contents of Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "Responding to Youth Disclosures or Contents of Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "Responding to Youth Disclosures or Contents of Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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For these we pray:

Hector Alatorre, Theresa Biggs, Connie Brewer, Rita Casacchia, Carlos Cendejas, Anthony Chavez, Bryan Chavez, Becky Cleary, Silvia Delgadillo, Eddy Drafton, Walter Flores, Silvia Gonzalez, Daniel La Rioza, Charlie Martinez, Gerry McGuire, Anna Mestaz, Mario Mestaz, Mark Mestaz, Veronica Mestaz, Lani Morrisey, Irene Muniz, Tommy O'Donnel, Nicole Pearce, Deborah Perez, Estella Perez, Christina Peterson, Marilyn Radcliff, Lucia Rangel, Olivia Reyes, Jeff Reynolds, Adam Ristich, Angela Ristich, Tony Ristich, Don Robinson, Brett Sanders, Armida Tellez, Gabino Valadez, Carmen Vargas, Chuck Zywocienski, and un-born babies.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY • January 15, 2024

9:00 am — Angel & Virginia Lozano, R.I.P. Jerry Hinkey, R.I.P.

TUESDAY • January 16, 2024

8:00 am — David Vargas, R.I.P.
Intention of Gloria & Georgina Mendez

WEDNESDAY • January 17, 2024

6:30 am — Rolland Alexander II, R.I.P. William Rodriguez, R.I.P.

THURSDAY • January 18, 2024

8:00 am — Rachel Boyle, R.I.P. Maria Dao Thi Don, R.I.P.

FRIDAY • January 19, 2024

6:30 am — Marie Van Sycoc, R.I.P. Manuel Contreras, R.I.P.

SATURDAY • January 20, 2024

8:00 am — Jose Gordio, R.I.P. Intention of Sr. Mary

5:30 pm — Angela & Ricardo Sanchez, R.I.P.

SUNDAY • January 21, 2024

7:30 am — Marcelina Lugay, R.I.P.

9:00 am — Richie Sanchez, R.I.P.

10:30 am — Intention of John Craig

12:00 pm — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish

5:30 pm — Rogelio Calderon, R.I.P.