

St. Bernard de Clairvaux Church



MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee do I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:00 am	Italian
	10:30 am	English
	12:00 pm	English
	3:00 pm	Malayalam Community

Confessions: ½ hour before each Sunday Mass

Daily Masses in English:

Monday & Friday at 8:00 am
Wednesday at 7:00 pm with Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturday at 9:00 am

Daily Masses in Italian:

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 am

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor
Fr. Pious Malliar Bellian, Associate Pastor & Chaplain to the Sacred Heart Kerala Community
Fr. Francesco Pica, In Residence
Gina Orofino, Parish Secretary
Brenda Carvalho, Bookkeeper

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Baptisms: Parents seeking to have their child baptised must fill out a "Baptism Request Form" on-line or picked up in person and obtain a Baptism Certificate for themselves and Godparents. When documentation is complete call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with the Pastor. Upon approval from the Pastor, a Baptism date will be given. We celebrate Baptisms, usually, the first and third Sunday of every month.

Marriages: Couples must contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No date may be set before meeting with the priest. A marriage course is a pre-requisite.

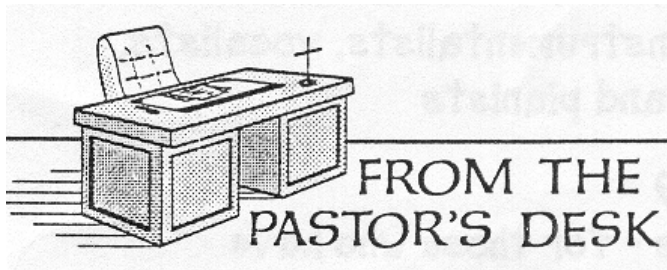
Parish Groups:

San Pio Prayer Group
Over 50 Club
Knights of Columbus
St. Bernard Catholic Women's League
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Parish Activities:

Holy Rosary (before weekday Masses)
First Friday Adoration
Visitation of the Homebound
Social-Cultural Events

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS



March 17, 2020

My dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto

I wish to provide you with a further update on our response as a Christian community to the COVID-19 situation which is evolving rapidly. Today, the Premier of Ontario has declared a state of emergency.

For the duration of this health emergency, I decree that the following be implemented in all parishes, missions and chaplaincies throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Mass

In view of the requirements of the Government of Ontario, during this medical emergency, beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, I instruct that all public Masses be cancelled, both during the week and on the weekend. Churches will be available for individual private prayer. The priests of the archdiocese will celebrate Mass every day privately for the intentions of the people.

The faithful will be able to watch, [via livestream](#), a Mass which will be celebrated every day at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, which will be followed by the Angelus and the Rosary. I will personally celebrate this Mass as much as is possible.

This Mass, Rosary and Angelus will also be available on the [Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube channel](#) for those who cannot join at 7:30 a.m. These Masses and prayers will be offered for the intentions of everyone as we go through these trying times. In addition, Mass will be broadcast daily on [Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation](#), [VisionTV \(Daily TV Mass\)](#) and [EWTN](#).

I encourage all people who remain at home and who are cut off from regular social interaction to engage in prayer – to pray the Rosary, to read the Scriptures and to offer prayers for those who are suffering the most in this crisis.

We should also pray for the health care workers and others who are engaged in fighting this pandemic on the frontlines.

My dear brothers and sisters:

To put it mildly this is a time of anxiety for all of us. Fear over our health and our loved ones, fear that comes with self-isolation or seeing many store shelves empty and fear of our financial ability to cope (we have enough money here for a month and a half, then what-I don't know).

Personally I share these fears for you and with you. I wish I could speak to you personally as opposed to typing it from my room. Know that I think of you often and wish to be spiritually close to you. It is surreal not to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass alone. I know that many deal the pangs of not worshipping the Lord as well. Know that I offer the Mass for all of you, dear parishioners.

What then are we to do?

As we keep the best safety measures, firstly pray. Trust in the Lord's mercy and bedeach Him to deliver us from this time of trial very soon. Let us place ourselves under Mary's protective mantle as well. As a good mother she is always close to us in difficulties.

Also reach out by phone or video chat to one another, it may not seem it but it can be very powerful for someone to hear your voice Until then keep safe.

I hope to see you soon
Fr. Boniface

Baptism

At this time, communal celebrations of Baptism are not allowed. Individual Baptism is allowed with immediate family and following the regulations established by the health authorities.

RCIA

I dispense the catechumens from the scrutinies. Information will be sent out later on the Triduum and reception into the Church.

First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation

Will be postponed for the duration of the emergency.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are not allowed at this time. All those who wish to receive the sacrament should contact a priest. The sacrament is to be celebrated not in a confessional but rather in another location, where confidentiality may be ensured and where the distance required by the health officials can be maintained.

Marriage

Marriages without Mass may take place with the immediate family members, provided they follow the regulations established by the health authorities. The postponement of the wedding may be requested given these circumstances, but if this is granted there may be a need for revision of the canonical requirements.

Marriage Preparation

Is very important. At this time, however, marriage preparation classes are cancelled and pastors are to arrange for individual couples to be prepared properly for marriage.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

Should continue as much as possible. As previously communicated, visiting clergy and volunteers should take direction from the health care facility. Parishes should also take care to contact the homebound and vulnerable.

Funerals

During this emergency, there will be no vigils or wake services. The Rite of Committal will take place with the immediate family at the cemetery. There will be no funeral Mass at this time, but we encourage the

celebration of a funeral Mass at a later date when it is possible.

Parish Meetings and Events are cancelled at this time.

We will review our emergency provisions regularly in accord with the requirements of the public health officials and we will provide updates at: www.archtoronto.org/covid19.

While it is a painful moment in the life of the Church to take these extreme measures, we pray that they will aid in combating the pandemic that has affected so many in our own community and around the world.

Once again, we pray for those suffering and for those who are caring for the sick. We are facing many trials during our Lenten journey this year. We take these to prayer, and look for opportunities to be the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter. May God continue to bless you.

In Christ,
Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto
For the full letter, please visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archtoronto.org

Basic protective measures against the new coronavirus

Wash your hands frequently

Maintain social distancing

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Practice respiratory hygiene

**If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing,
seek medical care early**

**Stay informed and follow advice given by your
healthcare provider**

**Protection measures for persons who are in or have
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