# 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

## Schools:

St. Bernard Elementary School:416-393-5261Chaminade College School:416-393-5509

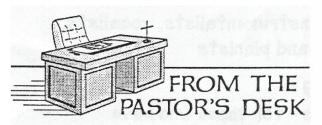
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		Sunday Masses:					
		Saturday	5:00 pm	English			
		Sunday	9:00 am	Italian			
			10:30 am	English			
			12:00 pm	English			
			3:00 pm	Malayalam Community			
		Confessions: 1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass					
		Daily Masses in English:					
and a second		Monday & Friday at 8:00 am					
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		Perpetual Help					
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		Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 am					
		Pastoral Team:					
		Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor					
		Fr. Pious Malliar Bellian, Associate Pastor &					
		•		erala Community			
ful.		Fr. Francesco Pica, In Residence					
			Parish Secretary				
		Brenda Carvair	no, Bookkeeper				
Amen.			Office H	<u>lours:</u>			
		Monday to Fric	day: 8:30 am	- 12:30 pm			
393-5261			1:30 pm	- 4:00 pm			
393-5509		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:	Parish Activities:
San Pio Prayer Group	Holy Rosary (before weekday Masses)
Over 50 Club	First Friday Adoration
Knights of Columbus	Visitation of the Homebound
St. Bernard Catholic Women's League	Social-Cultural Events
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS



My dear brothers and sisters:

Normal. I don't know about you but even though we have been living with the new health and safety precautions now for a while and I've heard it referred to as the 'new normal' that will exist for some months to come, it still does not feel normal to me.

Now, normal is an interesting word, with multiple meanings. At its most basic normal is statistical, it is a description of the norm, or what everyone is doing and what one typically should expect. So, in one sense everyone taking the precautions is normal and that's a good thing as we seek to show love for each other by doing what we can to keep them safe, especially the most vulnerable in our society.

Normal, however, can also be used to characterize that which is good or the way things should be. In that regard there is nothing normal about this: about having to keep our distance from those we love or from our friends and parish communities, not being able to gather in the many ways we can celebrate our life or having to put restrictions on the gathering of our parish family. In the midst of this we see the social strife violence and injustice going on around us, and I don't know about you but I don't think we should ever see that as "normal".

Sometimes, we can wonder where God is, in the midst, of this or why our problems will not come to an end. Certainly it is a time of the cross collectively. However, the Lord did not promise us life without the cross or that the seas of life will always be smooth. Rather, He promised that with His grace, in union with Him we will be able to ride through the stormy seas of life to a better life, where we may put these troubles behind us as a distant memory. This is true with what is going on during the pandemic but in an ultimate sense in the perfection of the world when Christ will come again. This is our hope. Our hope is in Him and we know that He will not disappoint because we know Him; we know and feel Him in our worship, in our prayers and in the acts of charity that we do. Our Lord has never left us and Sheppard's us even still.

For now, we are still, in the midst, of the storm, as it were, so let us strive to unite ourselves with the Lord and with each other with firm faith, ardent hope, abundant charity and with justice and innocence of heart. The Lord is with us, and with Him we will get back to normal in every sense of the word.

I hope to see you soon

Changes to our Parish, as was announced, Fr. Pious will be unfortunately leaving our Parish. He will be going to the University of Indiana to study for his Docorate in Social Working. After that he will be returning to Kerala, India to help those in need in his home Diocese. Fr. Pious' last day with us will be Sunday, September 13. We pray that the Lord will grant him success in this new ministry. We thank Fr. Pious for is wonderful presence and ministry with us.

## **HOW TO REGISTER FOR MASS**

GO TO www.stbernarddeclairvauxto.archtoronto.org

**CLICK ON** 



Choose the date and time of Mass you would like to attend, then press Tickets. Choose number of people to attend and press Register. Fill out Contact Information and press Register. You will receive your ticket by email. Print your ticket or show it on your cell phone.



Thank you to all who have donated to ShareLife. For those who wish to contribute, your donation is still being accepted.

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Fr. Boniface



Reminder to those who missed their First Holy Communion in May, due to the pandemic. We will be celebrating First Communion on Sunday, September 27, October 4 and 11 at 2:00 pm. Due to safety protocols there is a strict limit of 12 First Communicants per date. You must register, to celebrate this sacrament on one of these days. Please call the parish office to book your date.

The 2021 First Communion Registration will take place on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We ask that only 1 parent attend this meeting. Please bring \$20.00 for the booklet for your child. Starting next week we ask that you go online at www.stbernarddeclairvauxto.archtoronto.org to fill out a registration form, please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate when you submit the registration form. Thank you for your co-operation.



# Pontifical Collection for the Custody of the Holy Land

The Pondifical Collection in support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was cancelled when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September – a date close to that of the Fease of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast celebrates Christ's saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen when she found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation.



#### MASS INTENTIONS SAT SEPTEMBER 05<sup>th</sup> - SUN SEPTEMBER 06<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sat	$05^{\text{th}}$	5:00 pm	Catherine Mc Intyre	
Sun	06 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Antontio Sarraino Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano Frank Comella Francesco Bartucci Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Benito Lippa Filomena DiCesare	
		12:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory John Sousa Federico Biton Carolina Carrera	

#### MASS INTENTIONS <u>SAT SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> - SUN SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020</u>

Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Catherine Mc Intyre Renato Greco
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Anna Susanna Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Delfina Zarlenga Defunti Famiglia Zarlenga Giuseppe Dominicis Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Francesco & Beatrice Cesile Carmine & Brigida Cesta Francesco & Franca Cesta
		10:30 am	For the Spiritual Guidance of Jonathan
Wed	$16^{th}$	7:00 pm	Angelo Torchia Memorial Mass

# **Weekly Collection**

This week our collection was \$2,835.70 Last week's collection was \$1,785.80 It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses. Thank you to those who supported us during this very difficult time. Your charity means a lot! Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422

