

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.

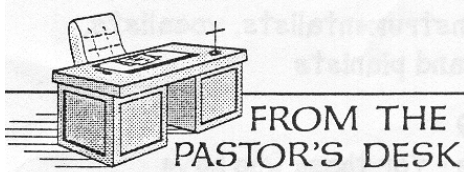
Parish Groups:

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



As some of you have heard by our voice message, I have some troubling news about our finances.

Before, I mention it, it is important to thank all of those who do indeed give generously to the parish. Your commitment is very much appreciated. I pray that God will bless you for your generosity.

It may come as no surprise, that most of our revenue has come from our Sunday collection, with the hall and other sacraments being a significant secondary source of income. We were never a wealthy parish, nor do we need to be. So long as we are able to meet the bills we can focus on what is important: Worshipping the Lord, Celebrating the sacraments and being a light and support to one another and the community. But with the many months that the parish was closed due to COVID-19, and the reduced number of people we can seat now that we have re-opened, our collections have dropped to \$ 2,000-2,500 a week, roughly one thousand dollars less than what we normally have. Many other Masses and Sacraments have been postponed and the hall also shut down. It is only now slowly re-opening at reduced capacity. The Parish needs \$20,000 dollars to operate a month and that includes salaries, maintenance, liturgical and other expenses. During the shutdown we were able to make up for the short fall due to the Canadian wage subsidy program, but as of October, we hear that it will begin to be scale back. We have always been conscious of living within our means, but the fiscal situation is no longer sustainable for long, as of the end of this year we are projecting a deficit of roughly \$46,000. I desperately want that when most of our parishioners can come back, there should be something to come back to, We want to have a priest readily available to meet with them and a voice on the other end of the phone when they call.

I have always maintained that St. Bernard does not have a monetary problem. Our challenge is engagement. As important as the Sacraments obviously are, The Eucharist is rightly called the source and summit of our faith, for without Christ nothing else is possible; the life of a parish is not only measured by how many Masses it celebrates. It is measured by how active people are, how much we come together as a Christian family, getting to know and be there for our brothers and sisters, how charitable we are and share our gifts with one another and the greater community. It has been the experience of many parishes that when we look after this, finances look after themselves. Is not this vitality and communion in and out of Mass the true measure of the Christian life? Is this not what makes our faith the light of the world? I think so.

So perhaps in the midst of this challenging time there is good that can come of it. Let us re-imagine the parish. What is it you would like to see? What is it we are not doing that we should be? And how can you help to make this a reality?

But for the meantime, we do desperately to make ends meet. IF you can give at the baskets at the back of the Church, visit the office to drop off your donation or donate on-line. Simply, go to our website and click on to the donate button.

Please consider making a monthly donation so as to provide security for St. Bernard in case we cannot be here every Sunday.

Thank-you soo much for listening and I know we will move forward together.

May God bless all of you.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR MASS

GO TO

www.stbernarddeclairvaupto.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.



Congratulations to

Andrew Minh Dang

Nicholas Giammarco

Isabella Emma Maria Sousa Guido

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Ethan Paul Palma

Victoria Marcella Rose Piscitelli

who will receive the

Sacrament of First Holy Communion, this Sunday, September 27.

May God continue to bless you as you draw closer to his sacred presence.

Lord, our God, may you fill these children with your Spirit so that the things of your kingdom are reflected in their faces. Guide them by your Word and Spirit, we pray for the children, their parents and guests for a beautiful celebration.



The 2021 First Communion Registration will take place on Tuesday, October 20th 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.



Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping in the fight against hunger.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Church. These donation will then go to the Good Sepherd Ministries on Thursday, October 15th, Good Shepherd are most in need of Mustard, Mayonnaise, BBQ Sauce, Salad Dressing, Cereal, Granola/Protein Bars, Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables & Canned Stews, Cooking Oils, Tuna & Canned Meats, Rice, Spices, Peanut Butter, Jam, Coffee, Teabags & Sugar
Thank you for your support!!!

We will be celebrating a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 12th, at 9:00 am.

While this year we still have to respect social distancing and safety protocols, we hope to celebrate this Mass with you.



Thank you to all who have donated to ShareLife. For those who wish to contribute, your donation is still being accepted. ShareLife helps many agencies around us to look after the poor and marginalized. As an Archdiocesan family, ShareLife is the ordinary way we support our brothers and sisters.



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT SEPTEMBER 26th - SUN SEPTEMBER 27th, 2020

Sat	26 th	5:00 pm	Rocco Vitulli Concetta & Vito Pedota Catherine Mc Intyre
Sun	27 th	9:00 am	Messa di Ringraziamento Dina DiCarlo Rocco & Lola Tatangelo Angelantonia & Pietrangelo Matricciano Leonardo Caccioppo Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Adolfo Molella Giuseppe Colontoni
		10:30 am	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi Giovanni Battista Berlingieri Danielo Mercado
		2:00 pm	First Holy Communion
Wed	30 th	7:00 pm	Michelina Miolla Memorial Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT OCTOBER 03rd - SUN OCTOBER 04th, 2020

Sat	03 rd	5:00 pm	For the Health of Adriana Beltrano Catherine Mc Intyre Fernando Beltrano Defunti Famiglia Patitucci
Sun	04 th	9:00 am	Antonio Sarraino Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano Frank Comella Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Natale Veneranda Francesco Tantalo
		12:00 pm	Danilo Kociancic (1 yr. death anniv.)
		2:00 pm	First Holy Communion

Weekly Collection

This week our collection was \$5,070.35 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! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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