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:				
		Monday & Friday at 8:00 am				
		Wednesday at 7:00 pm with Devotion to Our Lady of				
		Perpetual Help				
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		Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 am				
		Pastoral Team:				
		Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor				
		Fr. Pious Malliar Bellian, Associate Pastor &				
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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



I know it's been a while since I wrote anything personal in the bulletin, (or even had a bulletin). As I do regularly, I have been thinking and especially praying about our parish and for the last little while now, one thought has been coming to mind regularly: Things will change and in some way we will soon be at an important crossroad at our parish and we will have to decide which path our parish will take.

Some decisions aren't really choices but reality. If it were up to me I would gladly end all the health restrictions. Do you feel the same way? But it's not up to us really. The virus doesn't respect our wants and what is worse than getting sick (which is still on awful prospect to think about) is us having the virus and spreading it to others especially vulnerable people. That's why we get vaccinated and have to remind ourselves that when in Mass we have to be fully & properly masked (mask over nose and mouth) and continue to follow protocols like not singing and not coming to Mass if we are coughing or have a fever, as we pray that this terrible plague will be lifted from us soon.

Another aspect of our parish that is slowly but surely becoming evident is that we are socially and culturally changing: This is not the parish anymore of 50, 40 or even 20 years ago. For some that may be hard to hear and we may not want to hear it but it's not that we are changing, we have changed. We need to honour and celebrate our past while at the same time being excited about our future. One aspect that St. Bernard can be and should be very proud of is that we have been there for our parishioners, but if we run too fast backward then we abandon those who are here now. If we race to greet the future we abandon those who have given so much to the parish and are the reasons we are here. Change is inevitable but our reaction to it is not.

But what will this future St. Bernard look like? That is up to you. I can propose all sort of ideas, but the decision is yours not mine. Let me give you a few examples of what I mean. Would it be nice to have not only ushers but greeters at the back of the Church? Do you want to be one? Should we do more for Children? Do you want to volunteer to do Children's liturgy? Would you bring your child to it? Would it be great to do more for the poor? Would you join St. Vincent de Paul society and bring your enthusiasm to do more programs? What about the youth. It would be great to have a full time fully trained youth minister...if we could afford another full time salary. Are there other things I haven't thought about, no doubt. Do you want to help make these a reality? Another vision of the parish is it's where we go for Mass on a Sunday and where the sacraments are done, that's all. Which vision would you prefer? The pastor can create the conditions, but only parishioners can make it a reality.

Due to the pandemic, a lot of this has been put on hold. And truth is some decisions just don't need to be made right this instant. So you might ask, then why bring this up now? Because I think that sooner than people realize, will have to make these decisions one way or another; well you will let me know by your actions what the parish will be. I just ask that we think and especially pray about these choices first. In union of faith: Fr. Boniface



An important reminder The 2022 First Communion Registration will take place on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm. We ask that only 1 parent, with their child attend this meeting. Please bring \$20.00 for the booklet for your child. If your child attends St. Bernard School, a copy of the registration form will be given to them, next week. If your child does not attend St. Bernard School, please call the parish office for the Registration Form. We ask all parents to please bring the completed registration form and a copy of your child's baptism certificate when you attend the meeting. Thank you for your co-operation.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those interested in becoming Catholic, the process is beginning soon, please see Fr. Boniface. We welcome you whole-heartedly to our community!



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We need your help to make our Masses as Solemn and beautiful as they can be, as a fitting worship to God. To help in this we are looking for 1 to 2 Altar Servers to help at the 12 pm Mass

To be a server you must have received your First Holy Communion and be of serious disposition, there is no maximum age. If you are interested please see Fr. Boniface or call the parish office.



please make sure that:

CONFIRMATION 2022



Thursday, October 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Due to Covid 19 we ask only one parent and the Confirmandi be present. Before you come to the meeting,

1) If your child attends St. Bernard School, a copy of the registration form will be given to them, next week.

If your child does not attend St. Bernard School, please call the parish office for the Registration Form and please bring this completed form with you at the meeting.

- 2) A copy of your child's baptism certificate
- 3) A fee of \$60.00 that covers the gown.

If your child is 12 or over and not baptised, but would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation you must also attend this meeting. Similiarly for those who are not baptized Catholic but would like to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments. Please fill out the pre-registration form and speak to Fr. Boniface about Baptism and First Holy Communion at the meeting.

Covid 19 Protocols

As we begin to enter into the business of the fall season, we remind everyone that Covid protocals are still in effect.

Namely: The wearing the masks inside the Church, social distancing and no congregational singing.

Please pick up a copy of the bulletin or other material as you leave the Church, so as not to accidentially leave them in the pews.

For an abundance of caution, if a person is displaying symptoms of coughing, fever or other cold or flu like symptoms, we ask them to stay at home until they feel better.

I thank you for your co-operation, so far. Let us continue praying to the Lord that this terrible pandemic may be over and we may resume our normal community life soon.

Weekly Collection

This week our collection was \$2,273.00 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!



SAT SEPTEMBER 18th - SUN SEPTEMBER 26th, 2021

Sat 18 th	5:00 pm
Sun 19 th	9:00 am Anna Susanna Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Giuseppe Dominicis Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi Nicola & Adolorata Matricciano Jitendra Singh
	10:30 am PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm Elena Cocetta
	2:00 pm First Holy Communion
Mon 20 th	7:00 pm Francesco Loschiavo Mem. Mass
Tues 21st	7:00 pm Romeo Bandiera Memorial Mass
Wed 22 nd	7:00 pm Pietro Gentile Memorial Mass
Thurs 23 rd	7:00 pm Confirmation
Fri 24 th	7:00 pm Annunziata Romano 1 yr Mem. Mass
Sat 25 th	5:00 pm
Sun 26 th	9:00 am Rocco & Lola Tatangelo Giovanni Monte Luciano Russo Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Maria & Raimondo Castellucci
	10:30 am
	12:00 pm PRO POPOLO

2:00 pm First Holy Communion



Upcoming Bundle Up for the Society of St Vincent de Paul November 13 & 14

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need and our residential programs the weekend November 13 & 14, 2021.

Please bring your donation and help others in your community. Thank you!!!

The truck usually arrives Friday afternoon and leaves Monday morning.

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