

# 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:

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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.

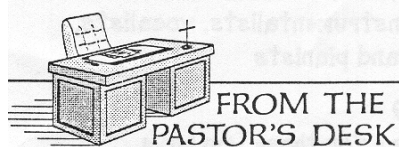
### **Parish Groups:**

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**



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 an 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### HOLY HOUR

Please come and spend an hour in meditation with our Lord.

Bring Him your prayers, joys, concerns and let Him touch your heart.

**We will have a Holy Hour on the First Friday of the month October 1<sup>st</sup>, following the 7:00 pm Mass.**



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 Shepherd Ministries.

Good Shepherd are most in need of canned sops & stews, canned legumes, pasta sauce & canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, tuna, breakfast cereals, tea bags, packaged cookies/granola bars, chocolate bars, rice, jam or any other non-perishable food item.

Thank you for your support!!!

**We will be celebrating a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.**



**CONFIRMATION  
2022**

**There will be a pre-registration meeting for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, please make sure that:

- 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. Similarly 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 protocols 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 accidentally 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 \$3,010.10  
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!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> - SUN OCTOBER 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Rocco & Lola Tatangelo Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Giovanni Monte Luciano Russo Adolfo Molella Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Italo Ruffolo Rosaria & Mario Laurendi
		10:30 am	
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
		2:00 pm	First Holy Communion
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Vincenzina D'Egidio Memorial Mass
Fri	01 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	
Sat	02 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 pm	
Sun	03 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	Filippo & Maria Tatangelo Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Nicola & Adolorata Matricciano
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	William Cheekock



**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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