

# 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 or by appointment

### Daily Masses in English:

Monday & Friday at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday at 7:00 pm with Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Rosary at 6:30 pm  
Saturday at 9:00 am

### Daily Masses in Italian:

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00 am

### Pastoral Team:

Fr. Boniface Perri, Pastor  
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 baptized must call the Parish Office to request a "Baptism Request Form". Baptism certificate for Catholic parents and Confirmation certificates for the Godparents is necessary. 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.

**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:**

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

### **Parish Activities:**

First Friday Adoration  
Visitation of the Homebound

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS**



## Our Parish is open for Individual Prayer

We are happy to share with you that the Archdiocese has given Parishes the approval to be open during the day for people to come and pray personally before the Blessed Lord.

**We remind you that Covid 19 Protocols are still in effect:**

**Masks must be worn inside the Church, that we continue to practise social distance and if you are experiencing cough, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu like symptoms, that you refrain from coming to Church until you feel better.**

On Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the church will open at 9:00 am and will close after the evening Mass.

On Tuesday and Thursday the Church will open at 9:00 am and will be closed at 6:00 pm.

## **Office of Formation for Discipleship Parish Vitality & Stewardship**

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all of His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

## **2022 Offertory Envelopes**

Your 2022 Sunday donation envelopes are available for pick up. **Due to Covid19 restrictions, we will let 5 people in the Gold Room at one time and your envelopes will be handed to you.** Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation. Please check that your name, address and envelope number are correct. If you notice any incorrect details, please contact the parish office. If you would like to register please fill out the form available.

**BUSTE PER L'OFFERTA DOMENICALE 2022  
Sono pronte le buste per l'offerta domenicale 2022.  
Vi preghiamo di prelevare il vostro pacchetto nel Gold Room.**

**Se iniziate quest'anno ad usare le buste, chiamate in ufficio per registrare.  
Grazie a tutti per il sostegno finanziario che date alla parrocchia.**

**Traditionally, the third week of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy.**

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "*The Lord is coming.*" But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "*The Lord is near.*" This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colours lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-coloured vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-coloured.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await His coming not with fear but with tremendous joy. St Paul in His letter to the Ephesians, reflects this joy: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*"

*Excerpts from the Website anastpaul.com*



**Cara Memoria di**  
Carmela Sellan  
Stanley Quincey Spooner  
Mario Spagnuolo



**CHRISTMAS FOOD  
DRIVE**

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*St. Francis of Assisi*

**ENSURING FAMILIES WILL HAVE DINNER  
THIS CHRISTMAS**

**Donations of non-perishable food items are being  
accepted in the parish office until December 19.**

These donations will go to the **Weston Food Bank**, towards  
helping the needy within our area this Christmas season.

For those willing, we will also be accepting donations of  
new un-wrapped gifts for children.

Thank you for your generosity, support and  
for remembering the less fortunate families.

May God bless you and your family!

**Friars’ Student Writing Contest 2022  
Win Great Prizes!**

**From: Rev. Dr. Luis Melo, Director,  
Office for Promoting Christian Unity and  
Religious Relations with Judaism**

It is time once again for the Friars’ Student Writing Award.  
**Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-  
word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022.** This year, the  
theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle  
East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. **The  
theme of the contest is: “We saw the star in the East,  
and we came to worship him” (Mt.2:2). The deadline for  
the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022.**

Entries are to be submitted online.

Contest details and the submission form are at  
[www.catholicregister.org/writingaward](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward).

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**Weekly Collection**

This week our collection was \$5,419.85

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 DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> – SUN DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Ringraziamento Fam. Rosaria Monte In Honour of Nativity of Our Lord and Immaculate Conception In Thanksgiving for a prayer heard Catherine Mac Intyre
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	For the Health of Lauretta Tesolin Anna Susanna Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi Michele Filice Giuseppe Dominicis Maria & Raimondo Cstellucci Sante Tuppin Aldo Celebre & Rocco Renda Francesco Conforti
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	For the Health of Lauretta Tesolin
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Antonio Rui Pereira
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass Florante Biton
Thurs	16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Natalino Carli 1 month Memorial Mass
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Paolo & Maria Luigia Alati Luigi Sottile & Angelina Sottile Rosina & Francesco Sottile Ferdinando Marchese Catherine Mac Intyre Fernando Beltrano & Rosa Morrone Francesco Patitucci Deceased Patitucci & Beltrano families
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi Michele & Annina Risi Oreste Col Maruro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi Jitendra Singh Adolfino, Amelia & Angelo Artuso Defunti Famiglia Artuso Francesco Conforti Benito & Maria Bellissimo
		10:30 am	Pedrinha Monterio Patricio Apostol Jr.
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO

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