

# 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 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.

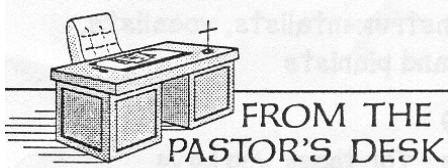
### **Parish Groups:**

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**



A person once asked me if I was a happy person. I suspect, like most people our first instinct was to just say yes. But for some reason, (probably because the Lord was trying to tell me something) I caught myself. And if I were to answer the question now I would say no, not really. Now don't get me wrong. I do experience happiness, quite a bit but like other emotions I experience they don't last long. Nor can I just manufacture happiness. This is a happy moment, one will say you should be happy. Those moments are delightful, absolutely but as I'm being honest sometimes I am happy in them sometimes I'm not. Do you experience this?

I am however, very joyful. Now you may say 'uh father what are you talking about happiness and joy are the same thing.' But they are not. Happiness is an emotion, true, it's a wonderful emotion. But Joy is deeper. Joy is an effect of love. We experience joy when in the presence of someone we love. I have laughed, talked, even argued with many a friend and family all in the span of an afternoon, we have shared our triumphs and yes our tragedies and I enjoyed it all. Not for one moment would I have changed any of it. That is true joy. The cares and problems of the world, the imperfection of others, our fears and loneliness can easily take away happiness, but nothing can take away our joy.

Our joy is also the greatest with the Lord, for He is our greatest love. When He came to be with us as our light in the manger, our joy is enkindled. His presence is the joy of this season. When we experience Him at Mass, in prayer, in our work of charity and evangelization our joy is made real. Why do we do all these things? Well, in the truest sense of the word, I would answer "Because I enjoy it!"

Yet, the joy of Christ is not just quantitatively different (just like the joy of my friends but more of it) it is also qualitatively different. It always leads to a meaning a peace the world cannot give. Whether our tomorrows are filled with good or ill as a famous hymn says (and I hope it's good for all of us) Christ is here, the Great King and in the end, I know His love will triumph over all, I need not be afraid.

I know this year, sadly like last has its fears and its troubles, many are living with the anxiety and tragedies of the pandemic, but the Lord's joy is there, nothing can take it away. I hope that we all can be open to Christ and His joy this Christmas and into the New Year. It is there for anyone who approaches our Blessed Saviour. And in the midst of this joy I even hope you find happiness too!

**Merry Christmas Everyone!!  
and may God grant you all His blessings.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID 19 PROTOCOLS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Due to the potential risk of the Omicron Variant of Covid 19 and the fact that we may have new parishioners joining us for the Solemn celebrations for Christmas and the Solemnity Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>, we need to introduce a slightly different Covid Protocol for the holidays.

A reminder capacity limit in the Church is 125 people.

**These new protocols will be strictly enforced:**

- 1. We will be entering and exiting from the main doors, a reminder masks must be worn.**
- 2. As soon as you come in, we are asking for your contact information, name and telephone number.**
- 3. As you enter the Church your hands will be sanitized.**
- 4. In order to celebrate with us, you must ensure that your mask is properly worn at all times, covering your nose and mouth.**
- 5. It is important that we continue to practice social distancing.**
- 6. We ask you to continue the normal safety protocols when in the Church: namely; that we come up for Communion one row at a time and that if you are feeling ill, especially if you are coughing, that you refrain from celebrating in person.**

We encourage everyone to arrive earlier than normal, so that we may avoid longer wait times and lines as you try to enter.



**A very heartfelt Thank you to all of the staff and students of St. Bernard School who donated boxes of food for our Food Drive and helped make it a great success.  
May God continue to bless them for their faith and generosity.**

### **Our Parish is open for Individual Prayer**

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.



## CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

“He was created of a mother whom he created.

He was carried by hands that he formed.

He cried in the manger in wordless infancy.

He the word without whom all human eloquence is mute.”

St. Augustine

“The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus...

He has entered our history; He has shared our journey.

He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light.

In Him was revealed the grace,

the mercy and the love of the Father.”

Pope Francis

*A tutte le famiglie della nostra  
comunita' parrocchiale,  
Tanti e tanti auguri  
per un felicissimo e Santo Natale*

**Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/synodality](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality).**

## 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. If you would like to register please fill out the form available.

**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.**

## Weekly Collection

This week our collection was \$3,259.50

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 18<sup>th</sup> - SUN DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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 Philip Corpuz
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 Melina Chimienti
		10:30 am	Pedrinha Monterio & Patricio Apostol Jr. Marina Valladares & Joan Lewis Luciano Russo & Francesco Russo
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Giuseppe Colonna Memorial Mass
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am	Giulio Bertolini
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass Maria Di Bernardo Ignatius & Philomena Igwe
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am	
		7:00 pm	Francesco Conforti Memorial Mass
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 12:00 Midnight Mass	
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Giovanni Monte Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi Fiore Molinaro Luciano Russo Giovanni & Ascienza De Vona Nazzareno Tari Natalina & Ervino Segna Francesco Conforti Adolfo Molella
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	

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