

# 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**

Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins,  
Archbishop of Toronto



## Horizons for Hope

Dear Parishioners of the Archdiocese,

Our Church, with all its resources, is ready and willing to help us discern the best approach the issues relating to the end of life, and I wish to share with you good news about a program that aims to do just that. Horizon for Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care, is written under the aegis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, with an emphasis on a 'good death,' palliative care and 'living life to the end' in as positive way as possible. This four-part program will help us in: 'Understanding the Experience of Death and Dying,' 'Discerning and Decision-making at the End-of-Life,' 'Accompanying at the End-of-Life,' and 'Supporting and Integrating inside the Larger Community.' You can learn more here: <https://bit.ly/HorizonForHope>. The way our society views matters of life and death has changed rapidly over the years, often in ways that emphasize personal autonomy over the Church's teaching that the end of our life's journey is in God's hands not our own. Euthanasia and physician-assisted death, euphemistically named 'MAID', are presented as compassionate, pain-free and controlled 'exits' from the world, leading many people to welcome these procedures. Yet Catholics know that a matter as important as dying demands a deeper response than demanding death 'on our own terms,' as it is sometimes expressed. Rather, in God's Providence, we are called to God as we approach the 'House of the Father.'

Many of us will have questions about palliative care, starting or stopping treatment, Catholic teaching on euthanasia, palliative care and so on. This program aims to provide spiritual and practical material to assist in our end-of-life discernment, including how to access support and resources in our community. It does so through discussions led by a facilitator, as well as participation in small and large group sessions, use of videos, questions for private reflection and multiple suggestions for growth in understanding the issues relating to the end of life.

The underlying hope is that, while the program is thought-provoking and useful for us as individuals, it will go beyond that, inspiring us to initiate some parish action, sharing what we have learned in a concrete way. Upon completion of the program, participants might discern a call, for

example, to form a committee to visit residents at a local hospice or long-term care home or to find ways to be more inclusive of sick and shut-in parishioners. The outcomes are limitless, and each parish will discern its own path.

I pray that our parishes will respond whole-heartedly to this call to engagement, to accompany those who need support and compassion so that death and dying are not seen as a period of loneliness, abandonment or feeling forgotten. In his 'Letter to the Elderly,' St Pope John Paul II invites us to be not afraid, but to 'Live life to the end!' This is a powerful and positive note on which to approach death and dying, and honours the God who brought us into the world and who eventually calls us from it.

May each one of us reflect on a Catholic approach to death and dying, drawing on the resources noted as we support one another and the dignity of every human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Yours in Christ, Thomas Cardinal Collins



### ATTENTION: ALL LECTORS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

*We need all our Ministers help during the  
Easter Triduum, especially  
HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY &  
EASTER VIGIL.*

*If you can help, please come into the Sacristy  
to sign up for these Masses.*

*Thank you in advance for your co-operation and  
all that you do for our parish throughout the year.*



### ShareLife agencies serve everyone

Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery, a message of Our Lord's great love, forgiveness and respect for all people.

Likewise, ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities. ShareLife-funded social service agencies have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need — not on religion, lifestyle, gender or ethnicity.

**With last week's ShareLife collection, to date  
our parishioners have contributed \$ 6,084.15  
Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

On Monday, May 2nd, the evening mass will be celebrated in memory of those who suffered during the pandemic and for our front line workers. After the mass, everyone is invited for a social gathering to support one another to return to normal parish life. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please call the Parish office.

**GETTING BACK TO NORMAL**

As we begin to return to the normal practise of our Liturgical life, we can begin to invite more people to Minister at the Altar, so that our presence may give glory to God and be of service to our fellow parishioners.

If you have been a Lector, Minister of Communion, Usher or Altar Server in the past and would like to return to the Ministry or if there is a Ministry that you would like to get involved in, please talk to Fr. Boniface at the back of the Church after mass or contact him at the Parish Office.



The St. Bernard community welcomes these new members during the month of March:

- Daniella Rosa Mejia Miles**
- Daylen Simeon Mejia Miles**
- Kingston Vaughn Mele**
- Ava Giulia Pegolo**
- Apollo Jon Williams**



**Robert Francesconi**

**Weekly Collection**

Last week our collection was **\$3,061.45**  
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**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> - SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 am	Francesco Augursa Memorial Mass
		1:30 pm	Luigi Tricarico Memorial Mass
		3:00 pm	Michele Romano Memorial Mass
		5:00 pm	Catherine Mac Intyre
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	Adolfino, Amelia & Angelo Artuso Defunti Famiglia Artuso Mauro and Pia Ardizzi Francesco Conforti Vincenzo & Maria Domenica Tatangelo Filippo & Maria Tatangelo Francesco Petrasso Nicola & Adolorata Matricciano Gina & Bruno Bortolotto Michele & Antonietta Arcaro Pietro and Luisa Bertone
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
		7:00 pm	Mass
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Maria Teresa Stagliano Maria Teresa Sanzo
		10:00 am	St Bernard School Lent Mass Gr 7 - 8
		7:00 pm	Rehearsal for First Holy Communion
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
		7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass Followed by Novena to OLPH
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Mass
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory John Sousa Catherine Mac Intyre Maria The Nguyen (3 Yr Death Anniv)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
		9:00 am	
		10:30 am	
		12:00 pm	

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