

# 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: 416-393-5261  
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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.

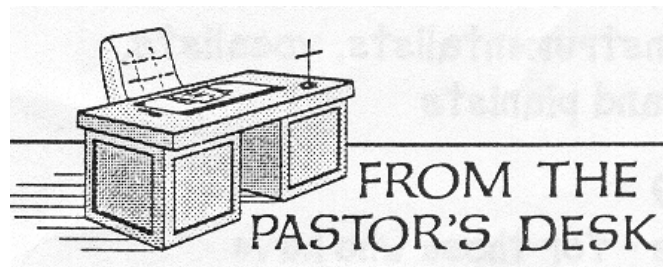
### **Parish Groups:**

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**



For many of us summer affords the opportunity to go on vacation or to take the weekends a little easier maybe do stuff with the kids or families. I thought for many years that it was an opportunity to engage in my favorite hobby: doing nothing. Watching TV, going on a trip and just lounging with a good book in one hand and petting my cats with the other. (By the way in case you don't know I have two cats, Nefi and Stacey).

I've changed my view of vacations somewhat, thanks to Pope Benedict. He said vacations are important, that we need a time of rest and rejuvenation: that if all we do is go go go from one thing to the next we can become worn out and while we may do a lot it may not be of the quality we want or we may even come to resent the things we are doing.

Vacations also offer us a time to enjoy. You know joy is a fruit of the Spirit. If you are thinking that I'm about to go into a lengthy explanation of the theological meaning of joy. I'm not. Joy is just that, joy. God does give us our good things because he wants us in part to enjoy them (the other part is that He gives us more than we need so we may be charitable). But we need to remember that God also wants to be invited to the party. The Father rested on the seventh day not because He was tired, He's omnipotent, all-powerful. He doesn't get tired. But so that He could enjoy His creation with His creatures. A prayer of thanks for what we enjoy goes a long way. Praising Him at Mass is not a job we take a vacation from but a privilege. Even if we go away, making the time to find a church for Mass on Sunday is important.

Whether you can get away this summer or it's a staycation; whether it's a whole month off or just a change of pace, these moments always bear fruit. If you do stay around the parish, drop by and say hello. If you do go away have a happy journey. May Our Lord Jesus Christ give you His protection and blessing and I look forward to seeing you when you get back.

Fr. Boniface.

### The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) plan to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish account.

There are various benefits of participating in Pre-Authorized Giving, both for you and for your parish.

#### **Advantages for you:**

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

#### **Advantages for the Parish:**

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

### Campus Ministry

Attention Grade 12 students: If you are going to university or college in the fall, campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with the Catholic community on your campus by visiting: [www.chaplaincyconnect.ca](http://www.chaplaincyconnect.ca) or contact Eliza Trotter @ [etrotter@archtoronto.org](mailto:etrotter@archtoronto.org).

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap invites all young adults (19-39) in the Archdiocese of Toronto to join us for a meet and greet. This is a night for you to meet other young adults from different regions, share your thoughts about Theology on Tap and share what you would like to see for the upcoming year! There will be plenty of munchies for everyone, so invite your friends! Theology on Tap offers young adults the opportunity to gather, have theological discussions and presentations in a comfortable and relaxed setting. For more information, call Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676 or send an e-mail [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org).



**First Holy Communion  
2023**

**The First Holy Communion Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Church.**

Please bring the following:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) \$20.00 to cover cost of the book to be used at the Catechesis classes, which will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard's School (which would have gotten a form from the school by mid-September) **or** if your child is 7 or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion you must come to this meeting as well with the completed registration form.



**CONFIRMATION  
2023**

**There will be a pre-registration meeting for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the Church.**

Please bring the following with you:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) A fee that covers the cost of the book and materials to be used at the Catechesis classes. The book will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not go to St. Bernard's School (which would have gotten a form from the school by mid-September) but for whom this is your parish we are most happy to celebrate the sacraments with you.

If your child is 12 or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation you must attend this

meeting. Similarly for those who are not baptized Catholic but would like to enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments, please speak to Fr. Boniface about Baptism and First Holy Communion.

If you need pre-registration form(s) for one or any of these sacraments, please come to the office or if you have any questions, speak to Father Boniface after the Sunday Mass.



***RCIA  
Rite of Christian Initiation  
of Adults***

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



**St. Bernard Feast 2022**

Mark your calendar.

We hope that the Feast of St. Bernard on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, will be the first time we gather together again socially as a community.

We are hoping to celebrate Mass in Honour of St. Bernard at the 5:00 pm Mass, followed by a Pot Luck in the Hall.

If you would like to join us, we ask that you please bring a dish. In order to plan for this event, please tell us which dish you will bring, by filling out the form below and placing it in the box at the entrance of the Church.

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