

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.

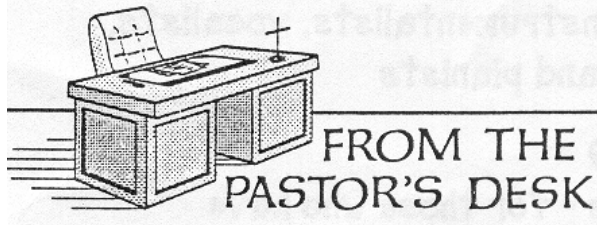
Parish Groups:

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



**First Holy Communion
2023**

**The First Holy Communion Registration will be held on
Tuesday, October 4th 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. If your child does not attend St. Bernard School, you may pick up the Registration Form from the Parish Office.
- 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.



**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!

I wanted to take the opportunity to speak about our St. Bernard feast:

Simply put It was a responding success! We even had to set up more tables to accommodate the extra people who came. It was also for us a very important event.

As I know that you are fully aware, the Covid pandemic has deleteriously effected all aspects of our parish. At first people were prevented from coming and many are still hesitant to attend. Some have formed the habit of watching Mass online or on TV, which for what it is good but we cannot receive communion and truly worship the Lord as it involves being attentive to Him in the Tabernacle and on the Altar and engaging with Him with our full presence and attention. I have even found a disconnect with some thinking the parish life is but pleasant option, voluntary to the faith and not worth the risk, Yet without following the life Christ gave us the presence of Christ is forgotten and faith is lost. The Mass, the love we share tangibly for one another and the community life is so vital to the Christian way of life.

That's why the feast was so important, it was the first true social event we had. And its success was a major step in moving on from the pandemic as people began to feel comfortable coming back to the parish and renewing their social bonds with many of their brethren and in fact making new ones as I certainly did. There was excitement and laughter as people cheered on those winning prizes and there's something about sharing a meal that just bring people closer together, especially when you share the things that others at your table brought. It was indeed a sign of hope. There is even now talk of wanting to do yet another social gathering soon and carrying on the momentum

So why not? I know it may not be possible right now to do a pot-luck supper every week, but why not start with something smaller. Maybe it's time to revive our social club to do a coffee Sunday to bring people together and come up with new ways of engaging the parish. It will need a few dedicated people to be sure but as I said before the health of any parish is seen just as much with what goes on out of Mass as in it. The first Christians didn't just go to Mass they formed a society, they were part of each other's lives as Jesus taught us " Father let they be one as You are in me and I in You. (Jn 17:21)

So, if your interested in this ministry please let me know.

Fr. Boniface

**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation
Fund Collection - October 1st and 2nd**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1/2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.



**CONFIRMATION
2023**

There will be a pre-registration meeting for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, October 11th, 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. If your child does not attend St. Bernard School, you may pick up the Registration Form from the Parish Office.

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.

OVER 50 CLUB - CLUB DEI 50 PIU'

Will be resuming their activities

Tuesday, September 20th -- 12:30 – 4:00 pm

New members are welcome!!!

Club dei 50 piu riprendera' le sue attivita'
il Martedi, 20 Settembre -- alle ore 12:30 – 4:00 pm



**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 Sopherd Ministries on Thursday, October 13th,

Good Shepherd are most in need of Tomato Sauce, Soups,

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Si prega di portare il cibo prima del Giovedi 13 Ottobre.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPT. 17th TO SUNDAY SEPT. 25th, 2022

Sat	17 th	5:00 pm	Luigi & Francesco Sottile Charles Martin Virtusio Fernando Beltrano Vincenzo, Fedele & Giancarlo Patitucci
Sun	18 th	9:00 am	Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Francesco Conforti Michele & Annina Risi Luigi Lamanna Doria & Sergio
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	
Mon	19 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
		7:00 pm	
Tues	20 th	8:00 am	
		7:00 pm	Attilio Capodilupo 1 mth. Memorial Mass
Wed	21 st	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
		7:00 pm	Palmira Santolini
Thur	22 nd	8:00 am	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi
Fri	23 rd	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
		7:00 pm	In Honour of San Pio
Sat	24 th	5:00 pm	Annunziata Romano Natalina Botter
Sun	25 th	9:00 am	Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Francesco Conforti Rocco Lola Tatangelo Angelantonia & Pietangelo Matricciano Maria Teresa Sanzo Benito & Maria Bellissimo
		10:30 am	Florida Pineda (1 yr. death anniversary) Eleanora Tricarico Wilfred & Ilda Ferrao
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO

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