

# 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. Jose Johnny, Associate Pastor/Chaplain to Sacred Heart Kerala Community  
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**



*Wishing you a  
blessed first Sunday  
of  
Advent!!!*

### Preparing Ourselves for Christ

**T**HIS Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.



### ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

**This Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
is the first Friday of the month. We will have  
Holy Rosary at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm  
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Please join us in this evening of Prayer.**

### SUNDAY MISSALLETTES ON SALE

**This year we are able to offer the Sunday Missallettes  
for the New Liturgical year at a cost of \$ 5.00 each.  
These will be available from the parish office  
during office hours or after the weekend Masses.  
You can also speak to the priest on how to get a copy.**

### IN MEMORIUM



*As many of you know, Mr. Dante Scameroni passed away last Friday, he was in his 90<sup>th</sup> year.*

*Most of us would recognize Dante as that loyal parishioner who opened and closed the Church doors everyday, set up for the Sacraments, served at Mass and ensured that everything was ready and running well. Many more of us will have a personal story about Dante taking our photographs, talking to him or coming and bringing Communion to ourselves or one of our Loved Ones.*

*I am sure that many of us have our own memories and stories about Dante, that are dear to us and many are the praises and virtues that belong to him. However, the greatest lesson we can draw from Dante is his great love and faith in Christ that informed everything he did. It was this faith that brought him to care for St. Bernard Parish as his second home and imitating the Divine Master to care about us. Dante used to say that he considered himself privileged to serve here, but the truth is, we were privileged that he was here.*

*Dante was not only part of our parish team but a cornerstone of the parish, he was its memory and part of St. Bernard’s personality, to say he will be missed, is an understatement, but we take hope in the fact that in the resurrection we will see him again. This is not goodbye, just until we see him again.*

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord,  
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.  
May He Rest In Peace, and  
May His Soul and the Souls  
of all the Faithfully Departed,  
Rest in Peace,  
Amen.*



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26<sup>th</sup> TO SUNDAY, DEC. 04<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Giovanni Monte  
Franca Leone & Maria Cellucci  
Elide Buset  
Deceased Corazza Family  
Deceased Cugini Family
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi  
Francesco Conforti (1 Yr Anniversary)  
Maria Domenica Tatangelo  
Nicola & Maria Francesca Lanaro  
Maria Teresa Sanzo  
Benito & Maria Bellissimo  
Francesco Petrasso  
Giuseppe Caruso  
Nicola Di Carlo  
Deceased Di Carlo Family  
Adolfo Molella
- 10:30 am PRO POPOLO
- 12:00 pm
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm Beniamino De Rango
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am  
7:00 pm Maria Teresa Sanzo Memorial Mass (1 Yr)
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm
- Thur 01<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am
- Fri 02<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm
- Sat 03<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 pm Giuseppe Salerni (1 Yr) Memorial Mass  
3:00 pm Iolanda Florio Memorial Mass  
5:00 pm Luigi Sottile  
Deceased Panizza Family
- Sun 04<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mauro Ardizzi & Pia Ardizzi  
Francesco Conforti  
Filippo & Maria Tatangelo  
Adolorata & Nicola Matricciano  
Giuseppe Dominicis  
Salvatore & Giuseppina Barbara  
Francesco & Luciano Russo
- 10:30 am Salvatore Pelaia  
Eleonora Tricarico  
Pasquale D'Urzo  
Ignatius & Philomena Igwe
- 12:00 pm PRO POPOLO

**A MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

A mission that sets St. Vincent de Paul apart from other ministries is that it is home-based; that is, we make visits to the homes of the people in need in our community. During home visits, we offer spiritual support, food and other help as funds permit. During Christmas, we would like to give all families that come to us for help, food vouchers so they can buy a meal that is culturally meaningful to them. But we can't do this alone.

**We need you.**

Please give a generous donation on December 4<sup>th</sup>, so we can help as many neighbours as possible. If you wish, you can also donate non-perishable food items by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and please keep our members and those being served in your prayers.

**Weekly Collection**

Last week, our collection was \$3,086.70  
It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.

Thank you to those who support us.  
Your charity means a lot!



**CHRISTMAS  
POT LUCK AND  
SING A LONG**

As we said, we are having a  
**Pot Luck Get Together on  
Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 5:00 P.M. Mass.**

To help us get in the Christmas mood we will have Christmas Carols with Coffee and Hot Chocolate. What we would ask is for people coming to bring in food that is simple to eat or of course some Christmas baking.

It would be helpful for us to know,  
what you intend to bring.

Please fill in the little form at the bottom and put it into the green box at the back of the Church starting next week.

One initiative that may be a good idea, is also to bring 2 – 3 dozen cookies for a Cookie Exchange, at the end of the evening you will have the opportunity to take and taste cookies that other people brought in and to experience, in a small part, how other families enjoy Christmas.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNING TO BRING: \_\_\_\_\_

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