

# 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:

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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.

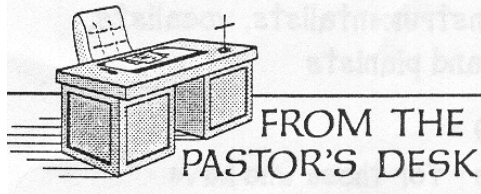
### **Parish Groups:**

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**



Have you noticed that there is less commercials about Easter eggs and rabbits than before? They made me smile as it reminded me that a more joyous time was soon upon us. Sadly, I suppose as people abandon religion the trappings and tradition of religion also fade away.

Now, I don't want to be accused of Leporiphobia (the fear or aversion to rabbits-apparently that is a thing) but we know that rabbits is not what Easter is about and that it comes from pre-Christian celebrations of spring. Easter is of course the main celebration of the Christian Faith. Jesus rose from the dead. Our redemption was wrought on the cross when Jesus saved us from our sins opened for us the gates of Heaven and made union with Him possible which, as the source of all love, becomes the center of our life.

Thus, if Jesus is the center of our lives, let me ask you? Would you deny your spouse or child in public? Even if they are unpopular? Then why should we act as if we are not Christians? "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity" says St. Paul "but of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord." (2Tim 1:7-8) Do not let others define us or our actions, define who we are ourselves. That by the way, is always good advice.

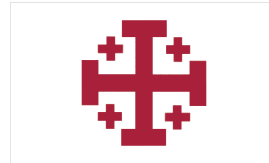
But how do we do it? Well, if we are Christs', let us worship Him. This Easter and all the time lest we be accused of just a cultural faith. Let us not be afraid to stand for our values in our homes and our workplaces. For example, the kindness and concern we show in our world was not present in the Roman Empire at first not because they were unsophisticated, they were very advanced. No, such attitudes exist because Christians taught the world that we ought to love everyone as Christ taught us.

Say to people when they ask, what did you do this weekend. "I was at Mass it was great." Let us joyfully celebrate Easter, however we want, but celebrate the greatest Solemnity of the year because Jesus has been raised from the dead. Say a prayer to Him before we eat. Think of Him when we decorate our homes. Something as simple as having flowers near a crucifix or picture of the Lord. It's not a family day to just have a family day. My mom put it best: "if you need a holiday to see me then something is wrong."

A Christian need not be dour or sad all the time, Joy is a fruit of the faith after all. But the faithful should be you know... faithful. Our world changed for the better when Christ came and I am not ashamed or afraid to say so. I also mercifully do not suffer with Leporiphobia, so after Mass I will very much be looking forward to a rendezvous with a chocolate rabbit!

Wherever this Easter finds you I sincerely hope that all the blessing and joy of the risen Lord be with you and all your loved ones.

Happy Easter!!  
Fr. Boniface.



**Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada  
Good Friday Pontifical Collection**

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7.

Those who are unable to attend the service or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting [www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us](http://www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us)



***St. Bernard Parish*  
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## CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

From time to time we have been receiving requests, if we offer Spanish Mass on Sundays.

Of course, we want to be responsive to the needs of our parishioners, however, we do not know if this is simply a request of a few people or there is a genuine need for a Spanish Mass. Therefore, in consultation with the Archdiocese, we can announce the following:

**There will be a Spanish Mass celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month beginning April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.**

The Mass will be “Ad Experimentum” or as an experiment. If after a suitable time, there is a large enough and stable community, the Mass will continue and may even go to a weekly Mass, if there is growth.

Our very own Fr. Francesco Pica will be celebrating the Mass, but we are in need of readers, altar servers, singers and ushers. If you are coming to this Mass and would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.

## HABRA' MISA EN ESPANOL

Secelebrara' todos domingos el 4t/ domingo de cada mes. Empesando, el 30 de abril a las 2 de la tarde, sera una muy buena idea para la comunidad Ispana despues de un tiempo.

Adecuado, si hay una comunidad lo suficiente, grande y estable, la misa continuara' y sera' una misa semamal si vemos el crecimiento.

El Padre Fransisco Pica, Celebrara' la misa.

Tambien, nesecitamos persanas, que que lean, que canten, y presten ayuda en el altar.

Las personas, interesadas, llamar al telefono de la oficina de la iglesia 416-241-6738.



**Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings**

**Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$25,600.00.**

Today, is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 01<sup>st</sup> TO SUNDAY, APRIL 09<sup>th</sup>

Sat 01 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm	Giovanni Beltrano Fernando Beltrano Deceased Patitucci Family Rocco Vitulli & Salvatore Vitulli
Sun 02 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
	9:00 am	Italian Mass
	10:30 am	English Mass
	12:00 pm	English Mass
Mon 03 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Tues 04 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Filippo & Maria Tatangelo Vincenzo & Maria Domenica Tatangelo Nicola & Adolorata Matricciano
Wed 05 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Thurs 06 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	
	7:00 pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)</b> <b>Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Until 12:00 am</b>
Fri 07 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
	11:00 am	<b>Celebrazione della Passione del Signore</b>
	3:00 pm	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b> <b>Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena</b>
	6:00 pm	<b>Solemn Stations of the Cross</b>
	8:00 pm	<b>Malayalam Mass</b>
Sat 08 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
	7:00 pm	<b>The Divine Mercy Novena</b>
	8:00 pm	<b>Mass of the Easter Vigil (English)</b>
Sun 09 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
	9:00 am	Italian Mass
	10:30 am	English Mass
	12:00 pm	English Mass <b>Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena</b>

**The Parish Office will be closed  
Good Friday and Easter Monday.**

## Weekly Collection

**Last week, our collection was \$2,867.35  
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