

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, before Jesus is lifted up to Heaven He commands His Apostles, "go out and baptize all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey my commandments and know that I am with you always, yes even to the end of time." These are Jesus's last words to us before the Ascension. Jesus came so that we may be saved. And that salvation is most importantly brought to us by baptism. Baptism is a Greek word and means literally 'to wash.' In baptism our sins, actual and original (which is that separation from God caused by our first parents) is removed. We become so closely united with Jesus that we speak of the one mystical body of Christ the Church and Jesus adopts us into his family. We may call God Jesus's Father Our Father and His mother Mary our Mother for so indeed they are. This sacrament is prefigured at the Crucifixion. As Christ on the cross was pierced with a lance water and blood flowed from His open heart. Water which is the cleansing water of baptism and His blood which we receive at Mass are the treasures from the Heart of Christ. The most precious gift He can give us is to allow us to enter into His most sacred heart open now for us through these sacraments.

I think if Jesus would have stayed with us it would of course be wonderful. But in His glory no one would have a choice but to acknowledge Him and without choice there cannot be the freedom to love. So He tells His Apostles "I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also." (Jn 14: 2-3) Jesus is going but will return, in the meantime it is our choice to choose to love Him, and be close to Him, Choose to be a full member of His family, of the Church and to be a true disciple. Jesus continues "and you know the way where I am going. Thomas said Lord we do not know where you are going how can we know the way? Jesus said to Him I am the way and the truth and the life." (Jn 14: 4-5)

See baptism is at times misunderstood. Baptism is not an end in itself it is the beginning. This can be seen by a simple analogy. I am related to my parents, this fact can never change; yet if I never call, or visit them, there will come a time when I will stop thinking of them and sadly fade from their company. Unless I wish to love them, the act of my birth will not keep me close to them even though they are always my parents and always love me. The same is true about our spiritual family as well. Holiness and salvation is closeness with Christ. This is why He came.

Baptism opens wide the font of Christ's divine mercy. In union with Christ, we grow in charity, having access to all the graces in His Most Sacred Heart, and as full members of His body, the Church, can partake in the Eucharist and all the other Sacraments which unite us more and more closely to Him. This brings us a joy and comfort that the world cannot give and which grows deeper as we grow closer to Jesus until we too are with Him in Heaven and our joy is complete.



**We will celebrate a
Marian Mass for all Families
on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 7:00 pm.**

Mary is the Mother of God
who first exercised
her vocation in the Holy Family.
Then, as Mother of the Church
we always ask her intercession for our families.



CORPUS CHRISTI

On **June 11th**, at the end of the Masses for Corpus Christi, we will have a few minutes of Adoration followed by Solemn Benediction. We pray that the Lord may bless us all, as we come to adore Him!!

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was **\$2,611.20**
It takes \$5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.

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

MAY 21, 2023



**HAVE A HAPPY
AND SAFE
VICTORIA DAY
WEEKEND**

Following our normal long weekend schedule, Mass on Monday, May 22nd, will be at 9:00 am and the Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday.



**ShareLife and World
Communications Day**

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far we have raised **\$14,607.15** toward our goal of **\$25,600.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



**St. Bernard Parish
is organizing a
pilgrimage to
St. Anne de Beaupre,
Quebec City
July 25, 26 & 27.**

**\$520.00 per person based on double occupancy
(deposit is required upon booking)**

(2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts and 3 lunches)

For information call the parish office 416-241-6738

**La chiesa di San Bernardo organizza il Pellegrinaggio
per St Anna a Quebec City per le seguenti date:
Luglio 25, 26 e 27.**

Prezzo 520 dollari a persona in camera doppia.

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**Se siete interessati a questo Santo Pellegrinaggio
chiamate ufficio parrocchiale al 416-241-6738**



**MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, MAY 6th TO SUNDAY, MAY 14th**

Sat 20 th	1:00 pm	Giovanni Ruffolo (1 mth Memorial Mass)
	5:00 pm	Ferdinando Marchese Luigi & Rosina Sottile Catherine Mc Intyre Juan Capulong
Sun 21 st	9:00 am	Michele & Annina Risi Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Antonio & Fiorina Bongiovanni Iolanda Florio
	10:30 am	Emma Gattuso Sandy Peterson Guerrino Vanarelli
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Mon 22 nd	VICTORIA DAY 9:00 am	
Tues 23 rd	8:00 am	
	7:00 pm	Marian Mass for Families
Wed 24 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Thus 25 th	8:00 am	Radio Michele Roscetti Valentino di Pompeo
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
Fri 26 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary Giovanni Monte
Sat 27 th	5:00 pm	Rocco Vitulli Leonarda Vitulli Catherine Mc Intyre
Sun 28 th	9:00 am	Maria Tatangelo Angelantonia & Pietrangelo Matricciano Marcello Matricciano Francesco Conforti Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Antonio & Fiorina Bongiovanni Iolanda Florio
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	David & Liontina Cardoso

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